



Progressive Musicians



Prominent Pianists Festival

Open to Student Pianists of all Ages

Application Deadline – May 7th, 2023

International
PROMINENT PIANISTS FESTIVAL

**APPLY BY
MAY 7**

Opens to Pianists of All ages
Prizes may include
– Performance at Carnegie Hall
– Recital with Virtual Concert Halls (Live streamed)

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SOLOISTS, DUOS, & PIANISTS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR TEACHERS

Apply with a pre-recorded video

Receive a performance Evaluation

Live Performance Opportunities Available

Who can apply:

- Piano Soloists
- Piano Duos
- Pianists Accompanied by their teachers

Divisions:

- 5-7
- 8-10
- 11-14 – Intermediate
- 11-14 - Advanced
- 15-18 - Intermediate
- 15-18 – Advanced
- Adult Amateurs (Age 19 and older)
- Collegiate Undergraduates
- Collegiate Masters Candidates
- Collegiate Doctoral Candidates
- Professionals

Repertoire:

- All pianists may play one or multiple selections to include repertoire from standard teaching pieces, or the classical and jazz eras, without exceeding the time limit.
- Pianists with repertoire exceeding time limits must apply for multiple entrees.
- Memorization is strongly encouraged but not required.

Application Instructions:

- Complete the application and pay the registration fee.
- Include your repertoire information, a short bio, a video file your audition (MP4 is preferred) headshot (JPG or PNG file), and a PDF scan of your music.
- When sending pictures and videos, you may upload the file to the application, or you may send links via Google Drive, YouTube, DropBox, or similar websites.
- BEFORE SENDING FILES TO US, BE SURE THAT THEY ARE UNLOCKED. We will not be able to view locked files and may not have enough time to contact you if such a case occurs.
- All participants will receive a certificate of participation and achievement.
- The registration fee is \$35. It includes your pre-recorded performance, a judge's evaluation on our live broadcast, and a certificate of participation.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE AND SUBMITTED BY MAY 7, 2023.

Professional Materials Package (OPTIONAL):

- *A professionally recorded video file of your performance and the judge's video evaluation may be purchased for \$50.*
- *A written AI transcript of the judges evaluation may be purchased for \$30.*
- *BOTH: The video file and AI Transcript may be purchased as a package for \$65.*

Recording Your Videos:

- All videos should fairly represent you as a pianist.

- All videos must reveal who is playing the piano and have a clear view of the pianist's hands on the keyboard.
- Be sure to turn off all privacy settings. Applications containing un-viewable files will not be accepted.
- Only Video recordings will be accepted.

Recital:

In person & by remote simultaneously?

- **Selected Pianists will be invited to perform on our live hybrid Recital**

*A newly innovative opportunity for pianists to perform live in person OR by **REMOTE** on the exact same program. The in person performances with a live audience will take place in the [Penny Burchfield Art Gallery](#) auditorium in Buffalo, NY. The remote performances will take place in your own homes or studios and projected onto a screen for the live audience in art gallery's auditorium to view, in real time. This recital will be produced in partnership with Virtual Concert Halls, The Penny Burchfield Gallery, Progressive Musicians, and New York State Music Teachers Association District 10.*

- Pianists participating in this recital will be eligible for our sponsored prizes (see below).
- The registration fee to perform in the Penny Burchfield Art Gallery's auditorium is \$50. *It includes your performance on the stage, a full color program booklet, a certificate of participation, and a professionally recorded video file of your live performance.*
- The registration fee to perform by **REMOTE** on the **HYBRID** portion of the program is \$100. *This fee includes a personalized full tech check (sound and video) prior to the performance from the professional team of engineers at Virtual Concert Halls, a full color program booklet, a certificate of participation, and a professionally recorded video file of your live performance.*
 - **NOTE: A Mobile Phone, iPad, Mac Mini, or Netbook WILL NOT work well on the Virtual Concert Halls platform. Use of these devices may result in lack of, or poor quality production.**
 - **PLEASE READ the technology requirements set by Virtual Concert Halls BEFORE signing up for your audition.**

Prizes:

- All participants will receive a certificate of participation and achievement.
- Other prize considerations will include...
 - A live online performance opportunity produced by Virtual Concert Halls. *This opportunity is a live performance given by remote, which will be live streamed for our audiences around the globe.*
 - **NOTE:** This performance will be gifted to the recipient(s) by Progressive Musicians. [Virtual Concert Halls](#) will produce this recital and broadcast it on

multiple platforms around the globe. This performance will be scheduled on a date to be determined within their 2023-2024 season. All participants of Virtual Concert Halls' programs must oblige with their minimum standard technology requirements.

- A performance opportunity produced by Progressive Musicians and Virtual Concert Halls in the 2023-2024 season on the Laureate Gala at Carnegie Hall.
 - **NOTE:** This performance will be gifted to the recipient(s) by Progressive Musicians. Both Progressive Musicians and Virtual Concert Halls will produce this recital. This performance will be scheduled on a date to be determined within their 2023-2024 season. The performance prize is limited to a 7-minute solo performance on one of the featured programs at Carnegie Hall. Additional minutes of performance time may be purchased by the prize recipient at a fee determined by the producers. The prize recipient may also be eligible to perform a concerto movement with orchestra pending a successful audition. For concerto opportunities, additional audition and performance fees set by the producers may apply.

Dates & Deadlines:

- May 7, 2023 @ 11:59pm EST - Registration and video submissions due
- June 4, 2023 - Adjudications Live Stream

The Audition Process:

All auditions will take place online

- All audition videos will be presented along with a judge's evaluation on our Live Streamed broadcast

Visit the Progressive Musicians YouTube channel for similar typical audition examples

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9-ECIxExRec&t=10315s>

The Jury:

The Jury Panel is sponsored by Progressive Musicians. See website to learn more about Jury members www.progressivemusicians.com/judges

Miscellaneous:

Progressive Musicians and New York State Music Teachers Association Chapter 10 reserve the rights to make any changes regarding rules, dates, schedules and other information related to the auditions and the Laureate Gala.

For further details please see our website. www.progressivemusicians.com/ppf

QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION:

Feel free to contact us anytime with questions and inquiries. Email us at director@progressivemusicians.com or call/text us at 716-800-9819.