

MUSIC: INSTRUMENTAL - CLASSICAL

Description

The art of performing with a device used to produce music with tones of the late 18th and 19th centuries characterized by an emphasis on balance, clarity, and moderation.

Requirements

Solo Performance: Your musical selection must be specifically written for solo performance. It may be an excerpt but should not exceed 5 minutes. Exceeding this limit will result in point deductions.

1. Digital Sheet Music: Submit a clear, well-aligned digital copy of your sheet music.
2. Authentic Performance: If your selection requires piano accompaniment, please perform it as such.
3. Appropriate Choice: Ensure your chosen composition aligns with the instrument's nature and your musical proficiency.
4. Your Artistic Expression: The choice of music and instrument is entirely yours.
5. Provided Instrument: The only instrument provided for the performance will be a piano.
6. Live Accompaniment: Live accompaniment is permitted.

Judging Criteria

Criteria	Weight
Interpretation, Expression, Tempo, Phrasing, and Historically Appropriate Style	20%
Intonation and Touch (Piano)	20%

Stage Presence and Choice of Music	20%
Technique, Articulation, Breathing, Rhythm, Facility, and Accuracy	20%
Tone Quality, Beauty, Control, and Characteristic Timbre	20%

Tips for Contestants

- **Choose Wisely:** Select a piece that showcases your strengths and aligns with the competition's historical focus.
- **Practice Makes Perfect:** Dedicate ample time to practice, focusing on technique, musicality, and historical style.
- **Master the Instrument:** Develop a deep understanding of your instrument's capabilities and limitations.
- **Embrace the Stage:** Project confidence, engage with the audience, and let your passion for music shine.
- **Seek Feedback:** Consult with experienced musicians or teachers to refine your performance and address any weaknesses.
- **Embrace the Historical Context:** Research the historical period of your chosen piece to better understand its stylistic nuances.
- **Enjoy the Experience:** Remember, the most important aspect is to have fun and share your musical talent with others.