



The Steinway Society of Riverside County

2021 Awards Festival – a Live Zoom Event

The Steinway Society of Riverside County Awards Festival takes place this year on the weekend of March 6 and 7 and the weekend of March 13 and 14 as a live Zoom event. Its purpose is to award talented young pianists and give them an opportunity to perform and work with master teachers.

Format of the Festival

Participants will perform on their own pianos at home or at the location of their choice. An excellent internet connection and a device larger than a mobile phone is paramount. Participants will play in a master class for each of two teachers and in a recital. All participants must be present for the duration of the classes and recital. All 3 performances count in the selection of those receiving awards. Students' teachers are strongly encouraged to attend. Steinway Society members will be invited to attend as well as friends and family of participants.

Eligibility

Applicants must be residents of Riverside or San Bernardino County or be studying with a teacher who is a resident of these counties. The teacher must be a Steinway Society member! The student must have studied with the current teacher for six months prior to the festival.

Festival participants will be divided into Junior and Senior Levels.

Junior Level - through grade 8, level 5 literature and above.
Senior Level - grades 9 - 12

Awards

Five awards of \$500.00 will be given at both Junior and Senior Levels.

Repertoire

Students will perform three pieces of contrasting style and period. Participants must choose one Baroque piece or one Classical. Schubert may count as Classical.

Repertoire time limits are as follows:

- 1st selection - master class - 10 min. max.
- 2nd selection - master class - 10 min. max.
- 3rd selection - recital - not longer than 12 minutes please.

If you select a piece much longer than that you will be asked to cut it!

Students will choose their recital piece. All works must be memorized. Movements from larger works are acceptable.

Application

There is an application / membership fee of \$40.00. This is in addition to the required teacher membership.

Application package must include:

1. Application form
2. Check in the amount of \$40.00
3. Biography

Please send complete application package to :

Steinway Society of Riverside County c/o James McCormick
2980 N. Starr Rd.
Palm Springs, CA 92262

Festival Dates

If possible we would like to schedule the Festival for both Saturday and Sunday on each weekend. It would considerably streamline this event not to have simultaneous master classes as in the past. This will depend on the number of applications we receive. We will certainly schedule Sunday first. There is a place in the application to confirm your availability for Saturday.

Junior Level – March 6 and 7, 2021
Senior Level - March 13 and 14, 2021

Winners Concert - to be announced

We look forward to your participation in our 17th annual Awards Festival!

Any questions, please call Jim McCormick at 760-285-6611