



18th Annual ~ Polish Fest
CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION
JUNE 19, 2016 (3:00 - 8:00 pm)

Cultural Stage ~ Milwaukee, WI ~ Summerfest Grounds

JUNIOR DIVISION
(Ages 14 & Under)

1st Prize \$250
3rd Prize \$75

SENIOR DIVISION
(Ages 15 -18)

2nd Prize \$100
4th Prize \$50

The 18th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, June 19, 2016** at **Polish Fest** in Milwaukee, WI. Polish Fest will be held at the Summerfest Grounds / **Henry W. Maier Festival Park (200 North Harbor Drive, Milwaukee)** on **June 17, 18 & 19, 2016**. Interested piano teachers are highly encouraged to have their advanced student(s) take part in this event! This is a wonderful performance and experience opportunity for your student(s).

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- **PREVIOUS 1st PLACE WINNERS:** May not enter the same division in the Chopin Youth Piano Competition.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all non-professional pianists up through the age of 18.
- **LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:** Selected piece should preferably not exceed **10 minutes** in length.
- **PERFORM ANY (1) ONE ORIGINAL COMPOSITION** written by Frederic Chopin. Arrangements are not allowed!
 - Select any Ballade, Etude, Impromptu, Mazurka, Nocturne, Polonaise, Prelude, Sonata (one movement), Waltz, etc.
 - Selected piece must be performed completely from memory, in its entirety on competition day. Please keep in mind that the audition piece used for your submission and consideration must be the same piece that will be performed on competition day, should said applicant be chosen as a finalist. There will be no exceptions made.
- **PRELIMINARY AUDITION (AUDIO CD or VIDEO DVD):** All applicants are required to submit an audition recording of their selected competition piece. Submit an audio/video recording in CD/DVD format (CD-R, DVD-R, DVD+R, etc.). Recordings submitted for audition, may be done at home or in a studio and do not need to be professionally recorded. PLEASE NOTE: Any audition submissions which are received damaged due to shipping or are of poor audio quality will be automatically disqualified from consideration. Please make sure to review your recording before submitting your application. It is highly recommended to mail your items in a padded envelope for added security and to avoid damage. All submissions become property of the (CYPC) Chopin Youth Piano Competition and will not be returned.
- **INCLUDE A COLOR PHOTO:** A school/graduation photo is highly recommended. Photos may also be submitted via email or on disk (JPEG format). Photo submitted must be a minimum wallet size, preferably no larger than 4" x 6" and do not need to be professional. PLEASE NOTE: Photos will not be returned and become property of CYPC.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked on or before **MAY 7, 2016**.
- **APPLICATION FEE:** Send this completed registration form along with a non-refundable application fee of **\$ 25.00** made payable to: **POLISH FEST, INC.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Coolers, beverages and/or food items are strictly prohibited from being brought onto the festival grounds and any such items must be kept in your car. We ask that you kindly abide by this festival regulation.
- **CYPC WINNERS:** Competition winners may be asked to participate during various performance opportunities throughout the year. Such events may include, but are not limited to the following: (i.e. Encore Performance at the Polish Center of Wisconsin – mid July/August, Polanki College Achievement Awards Program – late April). Please keep in mind that most performance events are typically scheduled for early Sunday afternoons.

Only finalists will be notified via telephone and/or email on or about **JUNE 5, 2016**. Finalists will each receive an information packet containing a confirmation letter with more specific details about the Chopin Youth Piano Competition. This packet will include the following: An itinerary, directions, (2) complimentary admission tickets to Polish Fest and (1) parking pass for a designated parking lot at Polish Fest.

Additional copies of this letter & application form may be freely reproduced for distribution to your students and/or other interested teachers. Application forms can also be downloaded in **PDF format** via the internet or you may request one in writing by sending a **SASE** to the address listed below.

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Musically Yours,

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Chopin Youth Piano Competition

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APPLICATION FORM: (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE LEGIBLY)

SECTION I:

ATTACH A COLOR PHOTO ALONG WITH THIS APPLICATION

Please do not staple, tape or bend your enclosed photo!

- A school / graduation photo is highly recommended.
- Digital photos may be submitted in JPEG format on a CD or via email.
- Minimum wallet size, but no larger than 4"x 6".
- Photos of the selected finalists may be used for publicity purposes.
- Photos will not be returned.

NAME: _____ SEX (Check One): ☐ Male ☐ Female
First Last

PARENT(S): _____
Father's Name Mother's Name

ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

AGE: _____ BIRTHDATE: ____/____/____ GRADE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

How did you find out about this competition? ☐ Internet / Email ☐ Music Store ☐ Teacher ☐ Other _____

[THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES MAY BE USED IN THE FINALIST BIOGRAPHIES. ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY.]

- OTHER INSTRUMENTS & LENGTH OF STUDY: _____
- RECENT AWARDS & HONORS: _____
- OTHER MUSIC ACTIVITIES: _____
- HOBBIES & TALENTS: _____
- Why do you want to enter this piano competition?: _____

SECTION II:

[CATEGORY - SELECT ONE]

- ☐ JUNIOR (Ages 14 & Under)
☐ SENIOR (Ages 15-18)

T-SHIRT SIZE (Select One):

☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL

LENGTH OF STUDY: _____ TEACHER'S NAME: _____

STUDIO ADDRESS: _____
City State Zip

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

SECTION III:

[PIECE INFORMATION]

☐ Ballade ☐ Etude ☐ Impromptu ☐ Mazurka ☐ Nocturne ☐ Polonaise ☐ Prelude ☐ Waltz ☐ Other _____

KEY: ____ Major ____ minor OPUS: ____ NO: ____ MVT: _____ DURATION: ____ MINUTES ____ SECONDS

The information that I have provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand and agree that Polish Fest, Inc. may use my child's name and/or likeness for publicity and/or promotion of this and other Polish Fest related events without any compensation.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____ PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE SIGNED: ____/____/____ DATE SIGNED: ____/____/____

THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, A **\$25.00** NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE, AUDIO TAPE PERFORMANCE AND A COLOR PHOTO MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION AND BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE: **MAY 7, 2016.**
(ALL TAPES & PHOTOS BECOME PROPERTY OF THE CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION AND WILL NOT BE RETURNED.)

PLEASE LABEL YOUR ENCLOSED AUDITION TAPE & PHOTO WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION →

2016 CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION ~ JUNIOR (or) SENIOR DIVISION
APPLICANT'S NAME ~ AGE ~ GRADE IN SCHOOL
ADDRESS ~ PHONE NUMBER
NAME OF PIECE (Opus & Number) ~ DURATION OF PIECE (Minutes & Seconds)

PAYABLE TO:
SEND APPLICATION TO:

POLISH FEST, INC.
2016 CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION
c/o MONIKA SOBIERAJSKI - 1220 RIDGE ROAD - WAUKESHA, WI 53186-1425

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: CHK#: _____ RECEIVED: _____ PHOTO ☐ CD ☐ Y ☐ N ☐