

Teacher Information Packet



Children in the Arts Piano Competition

Saturday, March 8, 2025

**Pompano Beach Cultural Center
50 West Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, FL 33060**

presented by
City of Pompano Beach
Cultural Affairs Department
in collaboration with
Broward County Music Teachers Association

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Information below can be found online by visiting:
www.pompanobeachfl.gov/events/2024-annual-children-in-the-arts-piano-competition or
by scanning this QR Code:

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WELCOME LETTER

Dear Teacher,

The City of Pompano Beach invites all Broward County Music Teachers to enter their Students in the 2025 Annual Children in the Arts Piano Competition!

The City of Pompano Beach Children in the Arts Committee, in collaboration with the City of Pompano Beach and the Broward Teachers Music Association is pleased to announce the 2025 Annual Children in the Arts Piano Competition (Competition) on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. The Competition is open to the students of piano teachers who live in Broward County, Florida, teach students who live in Broward County, or are members of the Broward County Music Teachers Association (BCMTA). The postmarked deadline for applications is January 20, 2025. For information regarding requirements to participate, please visit the BCMTA website (www.BCMTA.org) or the City of Pompano Beach Cultural Affairs Department website <https://www.pompanobeacharts.org/events/2024-annual-children-in-the-arts-piano-competition>.

The finalists' performance and announcement of winners will be held on the same evening at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. Each student will receive a commemorative t-shirt, certificate, and adjudicators' comment sheets. Trophies are awarded to the top three winners in each division, and there will be a televised performance featuring these winners. For this reason, if your student is one of the top winners in their division, they are to return the evening of **March 8, 2025** to perform. If they are unable to do so, the prize will be forfeited to the next runner up.

Each winner is then invited to perform their selected winning piece at an evening concert presented at the Pompano Beach Cultural Center. At the conclusion of the evening's performances, the first, second, third and honorable mention winners will be announced. The Steinway Young Virtuoso Scholarship Award is presented and acknowledges the special musical talent, interpretation, and personality of the winning pianist. The winner of this special prize is chosen by select members of the audience. Additionally, a Special Chopin Prize will be awarded from the Chopin Foundation of the U.S. and at the discretion of the judges to an Advanced I or II contestant that gives an outstanding performance of a piece by Chopin. However, contestants in these categories are not required to perform works by Chopin.

To take part in this exciting event, please read the accompanying information and observe the following instructions:

1. Read the enclosed requirements carefully, noting repertoire requirements for each level. These will be strictly enforced. Teachers will be notified if repertoire falls outside the requirements for the student's division. No changes in repertoire will be allowed after the deadline for entry. There is no time limitation except in Advanced II where student applicants may play any two pieces with a limitation of 12 minutes. Please see requirement list for additional information regarding Advanced II.
2. Complete one online registration form per student **and rating sheets (leave blank the student #) filled out with name of repertoire, category and composer only.** We will need 2 rating forms completed for elementary, 2 for intermediate, and 3 for advanced.

3. **Complete the online Teacher's Master List with the names of all your participating students, up to 7 and 3 alternates (up to seven accepted now, up to three alternates) as well as their t-shirt sizes (Adult S, M, L, XL).**
4. Complete the online Teacher Volunteer Form, stating which half of the day you will assist. Assistance is mandatory. Direct any questions about volunteering to Mary Beth Purchase to: klassically1@gmail.com.
5. Pedal Extenders and pillows will no longer be allowed to be used in the competition.

ALL ON LINE FORMS ARE DUE January 20, 2025

All teachers who are entering students in the competition must volunteer to help monitor rooms, work the reception desk, and generally help out wherever needed. You will be contacted after we receive your students' applications.

Sincerely,

The 2025 Piano Competition Committee

Teacher Requirements

Date:	Saturday, March 8, 2025 (morning).....Competition Saturday, March 8, 2025 (evening).....Winners' Recital
Location:	City of Pompano Beach Cultural Center 50 West Atlantic Boulevard Pompano Beach, 33060
Entry Fee:	None
Entry Deadline:	ONLINE SUBMISSION BY January 20, 2025
Awards:	All participants receive a t-shirt, certificate & comment sheets. First, second & third place winners in each category receive trophies.

Requirements:

1. Contestants or their teacher must be a resident of Broward County or the teacher must be a member of the Broward County Music Teachers Association.
2. Contestants must have studied with the teacher who enters them for at least six months.
3. A student must play two memorized pieces from the required listings. No popular music is allowed. Repertoire played in a previous year may not be submitted. No changes in Repertoire will be allowed after the deadline for entry. The Repertoire list can be found at the website shared earlier in the welcome letter. We are also accepting the list from last year.
4. Students in Advanced II program should not exceed 12 minutes. If the program extends beyond the 12 minute limit, they may be stopped by the auditor (who will have a stop watch), but not disqualified
5. No repeats are allowed except those written with first and second endings.
6. First place winners may not enter the same category again but are allowed to enter a higher category.
7. One copy of each original score with measures numbered must be given to the judges.
Any photocopies automatically disqualify a student from any award.
8. The decisions of the judges are final.
9. Students entering the Elementary I category must be within the first 2 years of piano study.
10. For each student, complete two Student Rating sheets and an entry form (application). Include one copy of the Teacher's Master List (list of students), the teacher volunteer form, student photo (optional) and a long stamped, self-addressed envelope.
ONLINE SUBMISSION BY January 20, 2025.