Houston International Music Competition

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1ST ONLINE ANNUAL 2020-2021 COMPETITION

MISSION:

The HIMC seeks to encourage young artists to pursue their passion for music and excel through hard work & perseverance. As a competition, we strive to inspire musicians to achieve their musical potential and express themselves. We sincerely encourage musicians all over the globe to achieve, create, and perform.

CATEGORIES & PRIZES:

1. **Junior division (7-13 years of age**) - all orchestral instruments (strings, winds, brass, and percussion) and pianists. There will be a total of 6 prizes.

One First Prize: $800
Two Second Prizes: $300
Three Third Prizes: $150
Audience Prize (Winner's Concert- April 17th): $300

2. **Senior division (14-18 years of age)**- all orchestral instruments (strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion) and pianists. There will be a total of 6 prizes.

One First Prize: $500
Two Second Prizes: $200
Three Third Prizes: $100
Audience Prize (Winner's Concert- April 17th): $300

JURY LINE-UP

Gregory Allen
Professor of Piano at the University of Texas Austin

Yue Bao
Conducting fellow of the Houston Symphony

Lin Ma
Principle Clarinetist of the National Symphony Orchestra

Marilyn McDonald
Professor of Violin and Baroque Violin at the Oberlin Conservatory

Brinton A. Smith
Principal Cellist of the Houston Symphony

Full biographies at www.himc.us. More to be confirmed on website.

WHY APPLY?

The HIMC is excited to announce that for the 2020-2021 season, we will be hosting an ALL ONLINE competition via Zoom! Not only as a great scholarship and award for college or musical endeavors, the Houston International Music Competition fully supports all of its performers in their journey as a musician. Performance opportunities in the current times are precious- and we will bring the same rigor and standards that one would have in a face-to-face performance.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit online application form on www.himc.us by March 13, 2021, and the pre-screening video by March 20, 2021. Please read all rules and guidelines thoroughly on the website. Pre-screening videos may either be attached to forms or emailed to cwu@himc.us.

TIMELINE:

Application Deadline: March 13, 2021, 11:59 PM
Pre-screening Video Deadline: March 20, 2021, 11:59 PM
Finals (ZOOM): April 3, 2021, 2:00-4:00 PM
Winners Concert: April 17, 2021
Outreach Concert: August 21, 2021

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

There are no residency requirements- international and US territory musicians are all eligible to apply! All performers are required to perform ONE piece of musical merit **preferably under 5 minutes (junior) or 8 minutes (senior) for pre-screening**. If the piece is longer than the time limit, the judges will listen to the first 5 or 8 minutes of performance- this will not impact their decision in any way. **Accompaniment is preferred, but not required. The same piece or two different pieces may be performed for pre-screening and finals.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Competition Director, Catherine Wu.

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