



Golden Key Music Festival

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XVII Piano Composition Competition

Winners 2024

At the XVII Golden Key Piano Composition Competition we adjudicated 104 participants from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Poland, Romania, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, the Netherlands, the United States. **Here are the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Honorable Mention level Winners in National and International categories.** All the Competition's participants, including the winners, will receive special letters and judges' comments no later than February 1st, 2024.

We cordially congratulate all our talented young colleagues who participated in the Competition. Those composers who did not find their names on the list of the Winners, will receive a Certificate of Participation and detailed comments from the judges. Again, thank you to all our participants and good luck in the upcoming XVIII Piano Composition Competition!

Elementary International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Samuel Kaplaner (Austria)	Spring is coming
Second	Caroline Ifanger de Galzain (Brazil)	The Magic Wood
Third	Yijin Wang (China)	Under the Grand Pagoda Tree
Fourth	Izabela Wiktoria Oliwia Torfs (Netherlands)	The school for vampires
Fifth	Park Jiyoung (South Korea)	Prelude in G Major
Honorable Mention	Tanaka Yuta (Japan)	My favorite toy

Elementary National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Ida Sophia Zlotchew	Passage to Baroque
Second	Emilia Hinojosa	The Lake of Swans
Third	Andrew Liang	Policeman
Fourth	Noah Cohen	My little sister
Honorable Mention	Natasha Johnson	The red Bicycle



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Junior International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Hong Shyan Yee (Singapore)	Downtown
	JingYi Liu (China)	Waltz in E-flat Major
Second	Matei Ilia Radulescu (Romanai)	Tears from the Sky
	Serge Stephan (Hong Kong)	Fantasetta for Violin and Piano
Third	Joaquim Ferreira Renno dos Mares Guia (Brazil)	Mother
	Ziyang Xiao (China)	Ji
Fourth	Bruce Berlin Lu (Taiwan)	Mr. Zombie's Nighttime Dance Class
	Vinícius Ikeda Honda (Brazil)	Haunted Piano
Fifth	Enoch Yu (USA)	Time
	Sheng Yihe (China)	Fantasie for Piano Solo
Honorable Mention	Chenlin Han (China)	Lovely Time in C Major

Junior National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Happy Li	Journey to the Jade Gate
	Vivikta Kishore	The Enchanted Woods
Second	Karen Matsui	Awakening
	Xiaoyan Edmond Zhuo	Rain - Composition No. 2
Third	Amy Chen	After The Storm
	Claire Yu	Fluttering Snowflakes
Fourth	Marilyn Huang	Sea of Stars - Jupiter



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Winning Degree	Name	Composition
Fifth	Natalia Hinojosa	Reason
Honorable Mention	Garik Zlotchew	Jazz Moderno

Senior International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Chi Zhang (China)	Drum Dance in Spring Sacrifice
	YuKuan Cui (China)	Nocturne
Second	Hengjun Zhu (China)	The Hangu Pass
	Yiming Jia (USA)	Long Weekend
Third	Kyle Aiden Yeung (USA)	Spiders' Den
	Yaxuan Zhao (China)	Sunlight Sparkled The Water
Fourth	Andrew Dharma (Australia)	Dynamic Passion
	Shuning Wu (Australia)	Hammer
Fifth	Tianzhe Chen (USA)	Wave
Honorable Mention	Zhuocheng (Tony) Li (China)	Ignorance and Struggles

Senior National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Hongyi Jiang	Three Preludes for Piano
	Jesse Y. Zhong	Three Preludes for Piano
Second	Oliver Clarke	Toccata for Two Pianos
	Samuel Thomas Rose	Cosmo



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Winning Degree	Name	Composition
Third	Esther Chi	Song of the Water and Rapids
	Love Li	Avian
Fourth	Carter Logan Smith	Sunset Fades to Night
	Zihao Zhou	Nocturne "Traumlandia"
Fifth	Bogdan Felix Jones	Toy Party
	Christopher Gilbert	For Lewiston, Maine
Honorable Mention	Grace Wang	Agnes
	Ibrahim Aladdin	Break

Young Artist International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Ding Zheng (China)	Lingnan. The Throbbing of Spring
	Yitong Ma (China)	Impression of Chongqing
Second	An Yuhe (China)	Rain in quiet mountain
	Zhang Yuxin (China)	Freehand Painting: A Foggy, Verdant Mountain Road
Third	Yixuan Wang (China)	Ripple
	Yuki Yang (China)	Cygnent
Fourth	Wanying Zhao (China)	Cracked Heart
	Yuanshun Li (China)	Kong shan
Fifth	Pannita Mamanee (Thailand)	"Spellbound" for piano and cello
Honorable Mention	Ethan Bennett (Great Britain)	Galactic



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Young Artist National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	_____	_____
Second	Michael Allan Nicht	Fantasia in E minor, Op. 28
Third	Kevin Li	Cold Winterbite
Fourth	Isaac Amor Garcia	Aliento
Fifth	Olivia Parker	Rondo
Honorable Mention	Riley Anderson	Cherry blossoms

Professional International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Sonoka Kodama (Japan)	Rainy Landscapes
	He Chang (Netherlands)	Erzichengzhou (Farewell by the River)
Second	Anita Weiyuchia (Taiwan)	Penguin's Dance
	Siyuan Yin (China)	Cocoon-break
Third	Li Zhuoming (China)	Hypnos' Reverie
	Michael Coleman (USA)	Chaconne No. 1
Fourth	Elijah Stevens (Canada)	Fantasy No. 1 - Facing Dorian
Fifth	Araki Yasuyuki (Japan)	Piano Sonata No. 1 (Snow falling in India)
Honorable Mention	Yining Young (China)	The Dream



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Professional National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Kadisha Onalbayeva	Think...Together
Second	Lu Yin	Sea of Stars
	Richard Lawrence Altenbach	The Jester's Waltz
Third	Brian Thomas Field	Étude // Phases
Fourth	_____	_____
Fifth	Ivan Kornechuk	Sonata No. 3
Honorable Mention	Ryan Yin	Prelude in F