



Golden Key Music Festival

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XVIII Piano Composition Competition

Winners 2025

At the XVIII Golden Key Piano Composition Competition we adjudicated 92 participants from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Lebanon, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Syria, Thailand, the United Kingdom, United States. **Here are the First, Second, Third, Fourth 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, 2025.

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 XIX Piano Composition Competition!

Elementary International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Shibang Yuan (China)	The Dance of Arabia
Second	Oliver Johansson (USA)	The Lonely Whale Song
Third	Aideen Roberts (USA)	Theme and Variations
Fourth	Xiaohan Charles Zhuo (USA)	Wind - 2nd Movement

Elementary National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Shourya Sodhani	Loppilop
Second	Nikil Sanjay	River of Sequence
Third	Ida Sophia Zlotchew	Leaves of The Falling Sky



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Junior International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	JingChun Ma (China)	Walking with the Wind
	Yimeng Chen (China)	Guan Ju
	Chanya Bayla Somboonvechakarn (Thailand)	Darkness on a Midnight Train
Second	Joaquim Ferreira Rennó dos Mares Guia (Brazil)	War and Harmony
	Phillip Ikebe (Brazil)	Song of the Stars
Third	Vinícius Honda (Brazil)	The Turning Point
	Jasper Luan (Canada)	By the Lake
Fourth	Jack Wang (Canada)	Waltz in G minor
Honorable Mention	Caroline Ifanger de Galzain (Brazil)	Eclair - The Thunder
Honorable Mention	Xiaoyan Edmond Zhuo (USA)	ADHD for Piano
Honorable Mention	Izabela Wiktoria Oliwia Torfs (Poland/Belgium)	Crazy Cooky Sonata
Honorable Mention	Muchen Li (China)	Mission Impossible: Fantasia

Junior National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	William Wang	Lost Citadel for Piano solo
	Ethan Monberg	Summer Drive
Second	Happy Li	Masquerade in the Forgotten Desert
	Alexander Whitten	First Romance



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Winning Degree	Name	Composition
Third	Samantha Geary	Waltz in C Minor
	Alexa Krabbe	Esoterica
Fourth	Vivikta Kishore	Elements Suite
Honorable Mention	Garik Zlotchew	Fall
Honorable Mention	Nikifor Ritter	Katya
Honorable Mention	Ayden Khan	Greed

Senior International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Barin Mansour (Syria)	Flowers Sway for the Wind
	Yunqi Lu (China)	The Maelstrom
Second	Hailun Lin (China)	Ode to a Nightingale
	Elijah Cross (USA)	Furioso con Moto
Third	Haoyuan Xu (China)	A Bit of Life
	Bowen Yu (China)	The Blooming of Life
Fourth	Martin Guardia (Brazil)	Fantasia in G Minor "Black Seadevil"
Honorable Mention	Qiming Lu (USA)	Farewell Paradise
Honorable Mention	Albert Wen (USA)	1.1-3-2.1.∞
Honorable Mention	Andrew Dharma (Australia)	The Tulip
Honorable Mention	Ruoyao Wu (China)	Language Games
Honorable Mention	Bogdan Jones (USA)	The River
Honorable Mention	William Wang (USA)	Winter Nights for Violin and Piano



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Senior National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Haru Mikawa	Eccentric Flight
	Yonghua Liu	Beneath the Veil
Second	Emily Chen	One and Only
	Elijah Cross	The Cowboy Song
Third	Charlotte Geary	Navigating the Abyss
	Seok Hoon Lee	Altheadance
Fourth	Olivia Xia	The Bridge Under the Cherry Blossoms
Honorable Mention	Miles Robin	Colossal Fields
Honorable Mention	Siming Long	Foggy Forest

Young Artist International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Yutong Zhang (China)	Ending the War
	Ziyinng Zhang (China)	Peking Opera & Drum Rhythm
Second	Ziqi Xiao (China)	Kaleidoscope
Third	Zhuoyun Shi (China)	Save Happiness
Fourth	Xiaoxuan Gao (UK)	The Blue Grape Juice II
Honorable Mention	Anastasia Serghie (Romania)	Trois pas en arrière
Honorable Mention	Jia Song (China)	Chinese Traditional Opera
Honorable Mention	Nareg Kechichian (Lebanon)	Ikigai
Honorable Mention	RongZhuo Gao (China)	Tower Quest above Mointains (飞山寻塔)



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Honorable Mention	Zhen-Yu Chou (China)	Grain Rain
Honorable Mention	Siyu Liang (China)	See Gods

Young Artist National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Yuxuan Liu	Parallel Hometown
Second	Shuqin Li	Nuo-Under the Mask
Third	Jared Miller	Tap Toes

Professional International

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Robert Melbourne (New Zealand)	Oisillons
	Zheng Zhou (China)	Where the Buffalo Roam
Second	Michael Coleman (USA)	Eastern Shore Rag
	Zheng Fu (China)	Elegy-2024
Third	Monika Sroczyńska (Poland)	Bagatelle No. 1
	Xin Gao (China)	Drunken Dance and Wild Song
Fourth	Peter Gerardo (USA)	Mediterranea
Honorable Mention	Setmund Leung Kam Biu (Hong Kong)	Deathbed Confession
Honorable Mention	Jicheng Xu (China)	Galaxy knight



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Professional National (USA)

Winning Degree	Name	Composition
First	Bradley Robin	Gleam: Prelude for a New Awakening
Second	Harry Bulow	Purposeful Play
Third	Brian Thomas Field	Étude // Boreas
Fourth	Lubov Alvei	Kaleidoscope of Lights