



**WELCOME!**

***The 15th Washington International Piano Artists Competition  
August 3-6, 2017  
The George Washington University  
Washington, DC, USA  
Sponsored by WIPAC***

Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC) welcomes all qualified amateur pianists around the world to compete for honors, recognition, cash awards, and the chance to showcase their talents to a wider audience. WIPAC has hosted its international piano competition for outstanding amateur piano artists annually since 2003 in cooperation with The George Washington University Music Department (GWU). Participants come away exhilarated and inspired by an experience that fosters artistic growth through performance, interaction with other competitors, and discussions and master classes with a jury of professional pianists.

Competitors and their guests will find many sights to see and opportunities to relax between practice sessions in Washington, DC. Enjoy the various attractions at Smithsonian Museums, the Harbor Restaurants, fashionable Georgetown, The White House, and the natural beauty of the United States Capital City in the summer. The Commonwealth of Virginia is just across from the Potomac River, where one can visit Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington, First President of the United States of America. A visit to nearby Alexandria offers dinner boat cruises along the beautiful Potomac River day and night.

The competition and special events has often been held at fabulous venues in the District of Columbia, such as The Arts Club of Washington, which was the Monroe White House in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

The George Washington University Music Department is located on the (basement level) of Phillips Hall near "Foggy Bottom METRO" south of DuPont Circle and west of the White House, more specifically, just off H and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets NW, Washington, DC. Preliminary rounds and other special events will take place in room B-120.

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## **2017 WIPAC COMPETITION GUIDELINES ©**

Applicants must meet WIPAC qualifications and requirements as follows:

### **Qualifications:**

- i. Applicant must be 31 years of age or above on July 10, 2017.
- ii. Applicant should not be a professional pianist deriving their income through performances.
- iii. Previous First Prize Winners of the WIPAC competitions are not eligible.

### **Requirements:** Submit Application Form in following format:

- 1) An application fee of \$140USD made payable to WIPAC. See item 2 for other methods of payment. There is a non-refundable fee of \$75 in a case of cancellation:

#### FEE INCLUDES:

- a. Two Competition Programs (photos and programs of all competitors)
  - b. One masterclass (either Sat. or Sun.) as auditor
  - c. Three no-charge receptions (applicant may bring a guest) as follows:
    - i. Welcome Party (applicant and 2 guests)
    - ii. Preliminary Round Reception (applicants and 2 guests)
    - iii. Semifinal Round Reception (applicants and 4 guests)
- 2) Method of payments is Cash, Check and/or Credit Card via the PayPal donate link found on the main page of the WIPAC website [www.wipac.org](http://www.wipac.org). The WAIVER FROM below must be signed and returned. A scanned pdf with signature sent by email is acceptable.
  - 3) A recording (CD, DVD, ONLINE VIDEO OR AUDIO) should be 15 to 20 minutes duration of the candidate's own performances of classical piano music, no exceptions for first time applicants. This requirement can be waived in certain instances, such as in the case of a CD being submitted in a prior year having resulted in acceptance to the WIPAC competition.
  - 4) A list of repertoire to be performed for each round of the competition, including composer's full name, the complete name of the composition, including movements, opus numbers and timing. Timing should be included in your submissions, but is removed in the final printed program. The competitor is responsible for accurate information. Music performed in an earlier round cannot be repeated in a later round. Programs may be changed at any time prior to performance, but late changes will not appear in the official program. Complete program change information must be provided to the master of ceremonies in writing prior to performance, if that which appears in the official program is not correct.

- 5) A duly signed and dated waiver form is required, as mentioned in item 2 above. This may be done upon arrival and signing in at the WIPAC Desk that will be located just outside the GWU Music Department Office.
- 6) WIPAC COMPETITION PROGRAM TIME LIMITS (YOUR CHOICE OF MUSIC)
  - a. Preliminary Round 15 minutes
  - b. Semifinal Round 20 minutes-12 candidates will be chosen
  - c. Final Round 25 minutes-6 candidates will be chosen.

Candidates create their own programs. No music may be repeated in another round.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION is July 10, 2017,**

***All applications must be as postmarked or emailed by that date. Early notification of your intentions to apply are helpful to our planning and we send email reminders if application details are not complete. Email is acceptable for part of the application requirements. Fees should be mailed and postmarked/payed on time.***

***PAYMENTS may be via PayPal link on the WIPAC website for credit card payments. A PayPal Account is not required, but can be used optionally. International applicants are advised to apply well in advance to allow time for special processing, as may be required. An official acceptance letter is sometimes required for visitor VISAS and is available on request.***

**ACCEPTANCE**

Applicants will be notified of their status either by post, e-mail or phone. The waiver portion of the application form should be signed with your mailed or scanned application. This form will be verified for signature at the time of your registration. WIPAC reserves the right to refuse applications or to make any changes it deems necessary to the competition rules, guidelines procedures, location and scheduling. All applicants will be duly notified. WIPAC is not responsible for any unforeseen changes or cancellations associated with the competition event.

**TRAVEL AND LODGING**

Applicants are responsible for their own travel and lodging arrangements while in the United States and in Washington, DC. Visit the ***Competitions Page*** of the **WWW.WIPAC.ORG** website for further information and suggestions for accommodations. Dormitory accommodations at GWU are not arranged by WIPAC. The GWU website offers suggestions on accommodations nearby.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES**

Please refer to additional costs for some special events, e.g., a dinner party after the finals of the competition as shown in the Order Form. Master Classes will be scheduled during the competition. There is one audit fee (1) included in the application fee. Those who elect to perform in a master class or audit additional classes are subject to additional nominal charges.

**PANEL OF JUDGES**

WIPAC Competition Committee has selected a distinguished panel of judges who are professional pianists and music professionals. Chair of the jury is normally from the diplomatic community, a WIPAC Board Member or Music Department head. The Chair is a non-voting member of the jury, except in the instance of a tie-breaking decision. Master classes are offered by selected jurors.

**AWARDS AND PRIZES (subject to change without notice)**

**Preliminary Round** - Candidates receive a Certificate of Recognition for their participation in the Washington International Piano Artists Competition, sponsored by Washington International Piano Arts Council (**WIPAC**).

**Semi-Final Round** – Selected candidates will receive a Certificate of Achievement and miscellaneous gifts.

**Final Round** – Selected candidates will receive a Certificate of Recognition and miscellaneous gifts and cash prizes as follows (subject to changes):

First Prize:     \$       3,000.00 USD and a solo concert in DC  
Second Prize:   \$       2,000.00 USD  
Third Prize:     \$       1,000.00 USD

**DISCRETIONARY AWARDS (\$250): are Outstanding Performance Awards, i.e.:**

1. Most **Imaginative Programming** of the competition
2. Best performance of a **Romantic Period**
3. Best Performance for **Baroque Period**
4. Best Performance of **Classical Period**
5. Best Performance of **Contemporary Period**
6. Best Performance of an **American Composer**
7. The **Press Jury Award**
8. **Audience Award**

**SPECIAL AWARDS - \$250 (these may vary year to year by donor)**

1. Best Performance of **Bach** composition
2. Best Performance of a **Beethoven** composition
3. Best Performance of **Chopin** composition
4. Best Performance of a **Ravel** composition
5. Best Performance of a **Liszt** composition

**Discretionary and Special Awards** are granted to any candidate and are not restricted to finalists or semifinalists. The pianists' jury will have the full discretion in the awards, as it deems most appropriate. The main focus shall be a reward for "superior and exceptional performance" of a period piece, or a specific composer or style of music. The Press Jury Award and Audience Award apply to the final round.

**CONCERT AWARDS:**

As part of the **GRAND PRIZE**, the First Prize Winner is invited to perform in the **WIPAC Winners Grand Prix Concert** at one of the international embassies in Washington, DC, traditionally presented in April of the following year. The First Prize Winner is given an opportunity to perform a **WIPAC Solo Recital** at one of WIPAC's Outreach Programs in Washington, DC. WIPAC is involved in other concert activities and may call upon winners of its competition to perform in various future events.

**MASTER CLASS PERFORMANCE:**

Pianists who do not advance to next round are permitted to perform in master classes. A semi-finalist who does not advance to the final round would, therefore, be able to perform in the second day of a master class, which is normally held on the morning of the same day as the final round. Early sign ups are encouraged, and will receive priority consideration, if candidate is still eligible. There are no restrictions on auditing master classes.



**WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL PIANO ARTISTS COMPETITION  
PROGRAM**

**REPERTOIRE** (enter composer, name of composition with opus numbers as applicable, and time of each piece), legibly please! Typewritten preferred. *(This program portion of the application may be replaced by your own document(s), but should include all information, as requested. An EMAIL (Doc file) attachment is helpful, as that can be copied into the final program).*

**Preliminary Round (15 minutes max Time)**

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**Semifinal Round (20 minutes max Time)**

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**Final Round (25 minutes max Time)**

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**THE 15th WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL PIANO ARTIST COMPETITION**

**EVENT ORDER FORM – August 3-6, 2017**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Application fee and add \$75 to attend dinner after final round with WIPAC AUDIENCE, JURORS, COMPETITORS. Please note that the competitor's cost for themselves and their guests is discounted from a higher cost to the general public and includes their attendance at the final round).**

**Preliminary Round CD & 1 Audited Master Class ----- \$ 140.00**  
**1 Celebratory Dinner ----- \$ 75.00**  
**Total Fee ----- \$ 215.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend **Welcome Reception** (complimentary) \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Guests

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend **Master Class** one class is included in application fee (Saturday or Sunday)

**Additional Master Classes:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 USD as **performer**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 USD as **auditor:** **Sub-Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ will attend **Finals Competition Reception/Dinner Celebration**

Competitor Guests \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 USD (please make reservation early) **Sub-Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Menu preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken: \_\_\_\_\_ Beef: \_\_\_\_\_ Sea: \_\_\_\_\_ Veg: \_\_\_\_\_ (if available).

Please indicate preference and enter totals.

- No guarantees on selections (please tell us about any dietary restrictions in advance).

NOTE: Receptions following preliminary & semi-final rounds are complimentary. Awards Ceremony, Celebratory Dinner, and Champagne Toasts follow the Final Rounds. This WIPAC catered event is always well-attended.

**TICKET REQUEST** – Candidates allowed 4 comp tickets for Semi and Final Rounds. No charge for children.

Preliminary Rounds	FREE	OPEN to the public	
Semi Final Round -	\$10	Number of Seats	x _____ No. of Seats over 4 x 10=
Final Round -	\$25(w/o dinner)	Number of Seats	x _____ No. of Seats over 4 x 25=
		<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$</b> _____

Competition Programs = Candidates receive 2 Complimentary Program (Extra cost: \$10.00 x # = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment by CHECKS payable to: WIPAC**  
**Mail CHECKS to address: WIPAC, 3862 Farrcroft Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 USA**  
**TAX ID # 61-142690**

**Credit Cards *Via WIPAC/PayPal link on Website***



## **WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL PIANO ARTISTS COMPETITION**

### **WAIVER FORM**

(This waiver must be signed by all candidates)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), candidate for the Washington International Piano Artists Competition sponsored by Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC), submit that I will not hold WIPAC, its Board, committee or any other member or organization associated with the competition, liable for and do indemnify and render WIPAC harmless for any use of my name, image, or music performance, in any publication, advertisements or media announcements of any kind and any accidents that may occur during and while participating in the 15th Washington International Piano Artists Competition.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this day \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

***Please send application to:***

**WIPAC, 3862 Farrcroft Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030 USA  
703 732-7210 John Gardecki  
703 728 7766 Chateau**

***Or email your scanned- or e-application  
(sign before scanning) to: [WIPACUSA@gmail.com](mailto:WIPACUSA@gmail.com)***