

Competition Regulations



Purpose

The purpose of this competition is to provide a platform for young piano enthusiasts aged 7-16 years old to foster and showcase their musical talent. It aims to promote a love for music, encourage healthy competition, and offer access to experience stage performance in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Contest Overview

The competition is open for kids 7-16 years old, with categories divided based on piano grade levels.

Categories and Age Ranges:

- 1st and 2nd Grade (Ages 7-9)
- 3rd and 4th Grade (Ages 9-11)
- 5th and 6th Grade (Ages 11-13)
- 7th and 8th Grade (Ages 13-16)

Participants under 7 years old are allowed, provided they are at a minimum 1st grade in piano.

Age and Level Determination

- Participants will be categorized primarily based on their piano level.

- Judges will consider the age of the participant and may provide extra credit if a younger child competes in a higher-level category.

Date and Venue

- Date: 25 of February 2024
- Venue: Silicon Oasis, Halise Academy Theatre

Program Requirements

- Candidates should perform two pieces of different moods
 - Selections can be made from the recommended program for each level from Trinity London College and ABRSM music exam program
 - Candidates can also play freely chosen pieces as long as it's appropriate to their level and fully demonstrate their abilities
 - Own compositions are allowed if they meet the requirements for each level.
- Program duration should not exceed:
 - Level 1-2: 5 minutes
 - Level 3-4: 8 minutes
 - Level 5-6: 12 minutes
 - Level 7-8: 15 minutes

- Candidates should avoid playing unnecessary repeats with the same musical material.

Performance Evaluation Criteria:

Technique: Evaluation of accuracy, dynamics, articulation, and pedaling.

Interpretation: Assessment of expression, understanding of style, tempo, and use of rubato.

Repertoire: Evaluation of piece selection, difficulty, and musical choices.

Communication: Assessment of connection with the audience and stage presence.

Overall Performance: Evaluation of individuality, consistency, and adherence to time limits.

Registration Information:

- Candidates should register through the provided registration form
- The deadline for submitting the registration form is 14th of January 2024.
- Program changes can be made up to one month before the competition and should be notified through email or WhatsApp by the organizer. Program

changes will not be allowed on the day of the performance.

- The age in the registration form should be as per February 2024.

- After registration, you will be provided with a payment link.

- The deadline for making the payment is 25th of January 2024. Kindly send a screenshot of the payment to dubai.young.virtuoso.festival@gmail.com with the name of the candidate to confirm your attendance.

- Information about the time of the competition and the exact location will be sent one week before the competition.

Participation Fees:

- A participation fee of 300 AED per candidate is required for entry into the competition.

- Family members and support teams can enter the performance hall without any additional charges.

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