



*Washington International  
Piano Arts  
Council*

***WELCOME!***

***The Seventh Washington International Piano  
Artists Competition  
July 22-26, 2009  
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.

The competition and special events will be 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, and the GWU music department located at "Foggy Bottom" close to Georgetown and DuPont Circle. This year our preliminary round will take place near GWU at Western Presbyterian Church which has fine acoustics and a Mason & Hamlin grand piano, our semifinal round takes place at the historical and elegant Grand Salon of the Mexican Cultural Institute and our finals are held at La Maison Française in a lovely auditorium with a Boesendorfer concert grand piano.

**Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC)**

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## WIPAC PIANO COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Applicants must meet WIPAC qualifications and requirements as follows:

### Qualifications:

- A. Applicant must be 31 years of age or above on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- B. Applicant should not be a professional pianist or affiliated with a music school or conservatory of music
- C. Applicant should not currently be a student of a music school or conservatory of music, or planning a career as a professional pianist.
- D. Previous First Prize Winners of the WIPAC competitions are not eligible.

### Requirements:

Submit Application Form in the following format:

- A. Biographical information should include profession, musical education, and a list of amateur competitions in which you may have participated or placed.
- B. A short personal anecdote that you wish to have included in the program is requested.
- C. Recent head photograph or passport size photo (larger is better), preferably taken within one year of the application, to be used in the competition program and for publicity purposes.
- D. Electronic application submissions (CD or email) are acceptable and recommended.

Include the following:

- E. An application fee of \$135 (non-refundable fee of \$75 in case of cancellation). The fee includes:
  - 1. A CD of your Preliminary Round performance
  - 2. Competition Program (3 max)
  - 3. One masterclass (Sat. or Sun.) audit
  - 4. Three receptions:
    - Welcome Party
    - Preliminary Round Reception
    - Semifinal Round Reception
- F. US Dollars \$135.00 in cash or check, payable to WIPAC Competition. Visa or MasterCard payment is accepted. A separate form is provided for Credit Card method of payment, and must be signed and returned.
- G. A recording (CD, MD, DVD or cassette tape) should be at least 20 minutes duration of the candidate's own performances of classical piano music. This requirement may be waived in certain instances, such as in the case submittal in a prior year.
- H. A list of repertoire to be performed for each round of the competition, including composer, name of piece, movements, opus numbers and timing. Music performed in an earlier round cannot be repeated in a later round. Programs may be changed at any time prior to performance. Late changes will not appear in the official program.
- I. A duly signed and dated waiver form is required.

## **WIPAC COMPETITION FORMAT**

Preliminary Round            15 minutes  
Semi-Final Round            20 minutes    12 candidates (maximum) will be chosen.  
Final Round                    25 minutes    6 candidates (maximum) will be chosen.  
Candidates select their own programs. No music may be repeated in another round.

## **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION is JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for all applicants as postmarked by that date. Email is acceptable for part of the application requirements, but fees must be mailed and postmarked on time. International applicants are advised to apply by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 to allow time for visa processing as may be required. An official acceptance letter is often required and is available on request.**

## **ACCEPTANCE**

Applicants will be notified of their status either by post, e-mail, phone or fax. The waiver portion of the application form must be signed with your mailed application or may be signed at the time of registration if your application has been submitted electronically. 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.

## **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. Dormitory accommodations at GWU will not be available. The GWU website may offer 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 an audit fee (1) covered by the application fee. Those who elect to perform in a master class would be subject to additional charges.

## **PANEL OF JUDGES**

WIPAC Competition Committee has selected a distinguished panel of judges who are professional pianists and music professionals. Masterclasses are offered by selected jurors.

## **AWARDS AND PRIZES**

**Preliminary Round** - All candidates receive a Certificate of Recognition for their participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> Washington International Piano Artists Competition, sponsored by Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC).

**Semi-Final Round** - All candidates will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and miscellaneous gifts.

**Final Round** - All candidates will receive a Plaque of Recognition and miscellaneous gifts and cash prizes as follows:

First Prize:	\$ 1,000 USD and a solo concert in Washington, DC.
Second Prize:	\$ 500 USD
Third Prize:	\$ 250 USD

## **Embassy Awards (\$250)**

Three Categories of Embassy awards will be given. Best performance of an American Composer's work (excluding Gershwin); Best performance of a Polish composer, and Best performance of a Mexican composer.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS (\$150)**

A minimum of four **Outstanding Performance Awards** in categories: 1) Best Programming for the Competition; 2) Best performance of works from various periods of music; 3) Press Award and 4) Audience Award (selected by audience vote after final round). The first three awards may be granted to any candidate, and are not restricted to finalists or semifinalists. **Press and Audience Awards** are only applicable to the Final Round.



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**APPLICATION FORM**  
**The Seventh Washington International Piano Artists Competition**  
**July 22-26, 2009 – The George Washington University**  
**Washington, DC**

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title/First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Biographical Data (attach additional page if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

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ANECDOTE FOR PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPERTOIRE (enter composer, name of composition with opus numbers as applicable, and time of each piece)**

**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 SEVENTH WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL PIANO ARTISTS COMPETITION**

**EVENT ORDER FORM**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Yes, will attend WIPAC Welcome Reception (complimentary)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests
  
- Yes, will attend Special Evening Concerts (if any)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests @ \$35 USD and \_\_\_\_\_ (Self) @ \$10 USD                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Yes, will attend Master Class (Up to 4 are normally scheduled)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50 USD per class as performer or \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 USD per class for auditor =    SubTotal    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$25 USD for 1 audited Master Class is already included in the application fee)                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Yes, will attend Final Competition Reception Dinner/Bufferet Celebration – (deadline is July 22 upon arrival)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests @ \$75 USD (to include self)                      =                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please indicate the number and preference for:    \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken : \_\_\_\_\_ Beef : \_\_\_\_\_

TICKET REQUEST (no charge at this time)

- 2 Preliminary Rounds - FREE                      Advance Purchase x \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets                      =                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Semi Final Round - FREE                      Advance Purchase x \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets                      =                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Final Round - FREE                      Advance Purchase x \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets                      =                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Extra Competition Programs cost \$5.00, candidates can have program up to 3 copies)=                      Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

=                      Final Total    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: WIPAC Competition and mail to address below**  
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**3862 Farrcroft Drive**  
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**WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL PIANO ARTISTS COMPETITION WAIVER FORM**

**This waiver is to be signed by all candidates before the competition.**

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 Seventh Washington International Piano Artists Competition.

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

Signed this day \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.



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**CREDIT CARD FORM**

Payment by credit card is accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ VISA or \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount : \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) hereby authorize Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC) to charge my credit card in the amount of

\$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

*Please mail APPLICATION FORM, sign all required forms and attach enclosures to:*

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