

REVISED GUIDELINES

2020 Solo Competition - CalASTA San Francisco Section

Preliminary Video Round

Final Round Online - Sunday, April 26, 2020

****As we all adjust to life during this global pandemic and deal with the ramifications that this is having on every aspect of our lives, the board of CalASTA San Francisco wants to do all it can to keep music alive in our community and to give our students concrete, musical goals to work towards. We have therefore decided to go ahead with our 2020 Solo Competition with the following modifications (underlined). We hope that you are all staying safe and enjoying an abundance of music in your homes.****

The Final Round of the 2020 CalASTA San Francisco's Solo Competition will no longer be held at the Crowden Music Center but will now take place on-line on **Sunday, April 26, 2020**. Students who make it to the final round will need to have the ability to link to the judges via Zoom. It is recommended that the students also have high-speed internet and a good microphone. We will be extending the application period through **Sunday, April 5, 2020**. Furthermore, applicants may request that the \$60 application fee be waived.

Eligibility

1. For students of violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar and harp who reside within the boundaries of the CalASTA San Francisco Section and whose teachers are ASTA members.
2. There are **THREE** age categories this year: **Novice**: through age 12, **Junior**: 13-18, **Senior**: 19-25 (age as of April 26, 2020). Please note that these age divisions are different from those of previous years but now align with CalASTA State's Bi-annual Solo Competition.
3. Students who received cash awards in 2019 and any first place winners from previous years are not eligible to compete this year unless they have aged up into an older division.

Repertoire

Two works or movements of works from the standard literature are required: one from the Baroque or Classical period, and the other from a contrasting period. A third piece may also be included but is not required. There are no time limits. All music must be memorized at the Final Round on April 26, 2020. Judges may opt to only hear portions of the works prepared. Piano accompaniment is NOT required. It is NOT necessary to provide the judges with a score this year.

Preliminary Video Audition Requirements

1. Applicants must submit video recordings of themselves playing each of their selected audition pieces in their entirety. There should be no breaks or edits in the recordings and the applicants must be visible during the whole performance. Memorization is not required for the preliminary round.
2. Students need to provide a separate link for each video recording when they fill out the online application.
3. Piano accompaniment is optional

Application Deadline

The last day to submit applications and videos is **Sunday, April 5, 2020**. The application fee is \$60. Since we recognize that many families are facing harsh economic challenges at this time, NO STUDENT WILL BE DENIED ENTRANCE TO THIS EXAM FOR LACK OF FUNDS. Simply mark the box in the online registration that you are requesting a fee waiver. Checks should be made payable to "CalASTA San Francisco" and mailed to CalASTA San Francisco, c/o Cybele D'Ambrosio, 683 Vincente Ave., Berkeley, Ca 94707 and be sure to write the student's name in the memo line.

Awards and Winner's Promotion

All applicants will receive written comments by our preliminary round panel. At the final round, judges may award cash prizes up to \$600 for each division. This award money may be given to a single winner or multiple winners at the judges' discretion. Winners of CalASTA San Francisco's 2019 and 2020 Solo Competitions may be invited to participate in the CalASTA bi-annual State Competition in October 2020.

We reserve the right to cancel the competition or combine divisions if fewer than 10 applicants per age group apply. Contact: Cybele D'Ambrosio at asta.sanfrancisco@gmail.com or visit CalASTA San Francisco's web page for more information.

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