



# INTERNATIONAL TALENT ACADEMY

*Performing & Liberal Arts School for Young Children*



## Carmel Arts Rising Star Competition: PIANO Division

### COMPETITION DESCRIPTION:

Carmel Arts Rising Star-2021 Online Competition is open to young pianists K-8. The Competition accepts and encourages beginner and intermediate levels of performance and all styles of piano music.

**OUR MISSION:** To educate families and the community about the value and benefits of music, motivate young children to discover and develop their special talents, so they can empower themselves to develop confidence, self-discipline, creativity and capabilities they can use further in life.

**FINAL RESULTS & PERFORMANCES WILL BE POSTED** on the [ITA's Rising Star Facebook Event page](#) on **May 23**.

### RULES:

- The competition is welcoming all piano students ages 4 - 15 as of March 1st, 2021.
- **Categories include:** 1. Solo 2. Duet/Ensemble 3. Original Work (composition) 4. Parent/Child Act
- Categories ages and performance time limits (all approximate):

**Note:** participants will be grouped and judged by their piano experience (not by the age).

Pre-Elementary (ages 4-6)	OR 0-2 years of music study/2 min.
Elementary A (ages 7 -8)	OR 1-2 years of music study/3 min
Elementary B (ages 9-10)	OR 2-3 years of music study/3 min.
Intermediate A (ages 11-12)	OR 3-4 years of music study/ 4 min.
Intermediate B (ages13-15)	OR 5+ years of music study/ 4 min.

- All contestants are accepted to the final round, no preliminaries will be held.
- All performances should be well prepared and to be played from memory.
- Solo contestants are to perform 1 music piece from any period or music style.
- Duet/Ensemble contestants are to perform 1 piece from any period or music style.
- Only complete, unabridged piano works in the original form and key will be accepted.
- For Pre-Elementary category, the music piece should be at least 16 measures.
- Original music score must be submitted. All measures must be numbered.
- Foreign scores will be accepted with English translations written in (composer, title, other words.)
- Contestants are to be dressed in concert attire.
- **How to submit:** upload your video to your personal YouTube Channel as unlisted and include the link in the registration form. **Include** child's name, age, division, name of music piece in the file's name.
- **Video requirements:** unedited, horizontal, MP4 format; good sound, light, clean background. The video should be taken from the right side, close up to clearly show the face and hands of performer.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES (non-refundable):

- Registration Opens on March 15<sup>th</sup>. **Deadline: May 1/ Solo - \$40; Duets/ Ensembles: \$20** per person.
- Duets/Ensembles: Each performer fills out their own registration form and pays separately.
- The registration will close earlier if the max. number of participants is reached before the deadline.

### AWARDS:

- All competitors will be evaluated by a panel of judges and awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and participation prizes for Pre-Elementary, Elementary A & B, and Intermediate A & B categories.
- Participation certificates will be emailed to all performers after the competition took place.
- All winning performances will be featured on ITA's YouTube Channel and the event's Facebook page.

### NON-COMPETITIVE DIVISION:

Students who enter a non-competitive category will not be evaluated by the panel of judges, but receive a participation certificate. All application rules and deadlines apply.

**REGISTER:** [www.InternationalTalentAcademy.org/events/carmel-arts-rising-star-competition/](http://www.InternationalTalentAcademy.org/events/carmel-arts-rising-star-competition/)

**EMAIL US** with any questions: [ITA@InternationalTalentAcademy.org](mailto:ITA@InternationalTalentAcademy.org)



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### RELEASE:

I hereby release the International Talent Academy, their Directors, officers, staff, volunteers, partners and representatives of this competition from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participation in any activity of this competition.

All rights for recordings, photos or broadcasts are reserved by the Carmel Arts Rising Star Competition and no fee is payable to any competitor for performances, photos, recordings or broadcasts.

**I certify that I have read, understand, and will follow the complete list of rules for the Rising Star Competition.** (For general competition rules, visit ITA Website)

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE - APPLICATION RULES MUST BE 'ACCEPTED'**

(In the online form, please, click 'Read and Accepted' the rules)

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_