



CARMEL ARTS RISING STAR COMPETITION

Where kids discover their talents and reach their potential!



Frequently Asked Questions:

- 🎵 **Where does the event take place? Where can I park my car?**
- Monon Center **EAST** bld; 1235 Central Park Dr. East, Carmel, IN; entrance from **Rangeline rd.**
 - There is a parking lot in front of the East building. Another lot is by the West bld (on 111st).

- 🎵 **What should I bring with me?**
- Have a good meal before you arrive.
 - Bring water, snacks (if you are staying longer).
 - Handwarmers (make sure your hands are warm when you are playing on stage).
 - Pedal extender (if you use it) – for younger students. (The foot stool will be provided.)

- 🎵 **Should I bring my books? (For piano participants only)**
- **Intermediate/Advanced groups only:** bring the original books. Indicate **measure #**.
 - Put a sticky note with your name on a music's page, so judges can find it right away.

- 🎵 **What should I wear at all competition events and Awards Ceremony?**
- **Formal/Concert attire.**
Boys: Suit, dress shoes. **Girls:** formal dress, dress shoes, hair pulled back from face.
 - For Theater Arts/Dance – wear a costume or appropriate outfit.

- 🎵 **When should I arrive and what should I do next?**
- Note:** if you are sick, do not come. Please, notify us right away.
- **Arrive** at your **arrival time** as indicated in the schedule. (**30+ min before** your performance).
 - When you arrive, go to the bathroom first, wash your hands.
 - **Check-in** in Program Room C. Watch for signs on the doors. Pick up a program (1 per family).

- 🎵 **How does the schedule work?**
- Each competitor is assigned to a group/category by age & experience, arrival & backstage time.
 - The order in the schedule is the order of your warm-up and performance.
 - Please, **arrive on time** (but do not arrive too early, so you are not on the way of others practicing).

- 🎵 **When do I warm-up and perform?**
- After check-in, you will warm up in Room C (check your time with a Practice volunteer).
 - There will be no extra practice times (unless there is no one lined up at the piano).
 - Voice and Theater participants are welcome to practice in any room (but away from the stage).
 - After warm-up, the Performance Coordinator will take you backstage.
 - The Backstage manager will take care of you and will send you on stage to perform.

- 🎵 **Where should parents go when kids are practicing or performing?**
- Parents, please, go to the auditorium to watch performances.
 - Parents are **not allowed** in the backstage area unless they are helping with the pedal extender.

- 🎵 **What do I do after I perform?**
- After you perform, you will be taken back to a hallway, where our volunteer will take a picture of you in front of the banner. You might also get a chance to be interviewed about the competition.
 - After that, you are welcome to come and watch performances or leave the building.

🎵 **Can family members, friends and participants watch the performances?**

- Yes, all are welcome to stay as long as you want and watch other performers. It's free of charge.

🎵 **When will I know the results?**

- The results will be announced at the Awards ceremony after the competition/Masterclasses.
- The results will be also posted on the ITA's FB page (please, LIKE the page to see announcements).

🎵 **What can I do in Carmel while waiting for the Masterclasses/Awards ceremony?**

- There are a lot of places to eat along the Range Ln rd, Midtown Plaza, City Center, Arts and Design District; all within 2-6 min of driving.
- You can walk on the Monon Trail anywhere (the entrance is right by the Monon Center).
- The most beautiful place to walk is from the Palladium - to Midtown Plaza - to the Arts District.

🎵 **When and where do the Masterclasses take place?**

- The Piano and Voice/Theater Master classes will take place right after the competition ends, and before the Awards ceremony. Please, see the schedule. All participants are invited.
- The rooms will be assigned, the signs will be posted. Please, **pre-register** on the ITA website.
- Please, come in your **concert attire** as kids will be taken to the Awards ceremony right after.

🎵 **Where and when the Awards ceremony will take place?**

- Participants will be taken to the stage room right after the Masterclasses, around 4:10pm to get ready for the awards ceremony.
- The **kids will be seated** on the right side of the room **with their group** during the whole ceremony.
- Each group will go on stage together to receive their awards.
- We will open the doors for parents and teachers once we have the kids organized (~4:20pm).
- Please, **STAY TILL THE END**. After the Awards ceremony all the kids and teachers are invited on stage for **the group picture**.

🎵 **Who can attend the Awards ceremony?**

- At this time, we ask that **only 2 family members** per participant attend as the space is limited.

🎵 **What would I receive at the Awards ceremony?**

- Participants will receive diplomas & trophies (1st-3rd place); medals & certificates (4th--6th place).
- All participants will receive an envelope with the judging sheets.
- The teachers' certificates will be placed in one of the students' envelopes. If you receive it, please, give it to your teacher.

🎵 **May we take videos and pictures?**

- Yes, you can take videos or pictures with no flash.
- We will be taking close-up pictures/videos during the performances and the Awards ceremony. They will be offered to everyone on our website.

🎵 **What is the appropriate behavior at the competition?**

- Please, be respectful to everyone around you. Walk and talk softly, wait for your turn.
- Please, do not ask volunteers to change your child's group or times as this will not be possible.
- Please, do not leave your belongings around the building, pick a chair to put your clothes and bags.
- If you need to eat a quick snack, please, do so in the Waiting room only. Clean up after yourself.
- Please, be respectful to all volunteers, remember they are there to help you with any issues.
- Please, follow the volunteers' lead, they will take care of you and help you to be on schedule and answer your questions.