



CARMEL ARTS RISING STAR COMPETITION

Where kids discover their talents and reach their potential



GUITAR DIVISION

Carmel Arts Rising Star International Online Competition is open to performers ages 4-18. The Competition accepts and encourages beginner through advanced levels of performance and all styles of music.

DATES: Registration Opens on **March 1st. Application Deadline: April 26, 2025.**

FINAL RESULTS & PERFORMANCES WILL BE POSTED on the ITA's Facebook Event page on **May 25, 2025.**

RULES:

- The competition is welcoming all guitar students ages 4 - 18 as of January 1st, 2025.
- **Categories:** 1. Solo 2. Concerto/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 and by age.

Pre-Elementary (ages 4-6)	1-2 min.
Elementary A, B (ages 7 -8, 9-10)	2-3 min
Intermediate A (ages 11-12, 13-15)	3-5 min
Advanced (ages 16-18)	4-8 min

- All contestants are accepted to the final round, no preliminaries will be held.
- All performances should be well prepared and preferably 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 guitar works in the original form and key will be accepted.
- A music score must be submitted **in PDF file**. All measures must be numbered. **Name the file.**
- The video may be recorded within 10 months prior to the submission date.
- Contestants are to be dressed in concert attire.

HOW TO SUBMIT: You will submit **1 video file in 2 formats:**

1. **Video for judging:** upload your video to your **personal YouTube Channel** as **unlisted** and include the **link** in the registration form.
2. **Video for the final concert:** upload your **raw video file (mp4)** to the Rising Star **Google Drive** by May 10th.

In BOTH files INCLUDE the child's Full name, name of music piece, composer.

- **Video requirements:** unedited, horizontal, MP4 format; good sound, light, clean background, **close up.**

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND FEES:

- Registration Opens on March 1st. **Deadline: April 26. Fees: Solo - \$45/ Duet - \$25 each. Late fee: \$25.**
- **Duets/Ensembles:** Each performer fills out their own registration form and pays separately.
- All fees are final and are not refundable.

AWARDS:

- All competitors will be evaluated by the international panel of judges and awarded 1st – 6th places for each category and age group.
- Diplomas/certificates, individual announcement flyers, judging sheets will be emailed to all participants
- All performances will be featured on ITA's YouTube Channel and Facebook page.
- Teachers/schools will be acknowledged with certificates of recognition.
- Letter of acknowledgement is provided for college application by request.

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Carmel Arts Rising Star Competition: Piano Division Release

(for online submission – choose ‘accept’)

OUR MISSION: To educate families and the community about the value and benefits of performing arts, motivate youth 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.

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 other competition information, visit ITA Website)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE - APPLICATION RULES MUST BE ‘ACCEPTED’
(In the online form, please, click ‘Read and Accepted” the rules)

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Rising Star competition headquarters: Carmel, Indiana, USA