



# 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 **Range line 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 is provided & will be set on stage for younger students.

🎵 **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.
- 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 by email.
- **Arrive** at your **arrival time** as indicated in the schedule sent to you. (**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 permitted in the backstage area unless there is a critical situation

🎵 **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, within 3-6 min.
- 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 are assigned and you will see the signs. 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 4:00pm 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 (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place); medals & certificates (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 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 professional close-up pictures/videos during the performances and the Awards ceremony. The link will be sent to you within several days.

🎵 **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/bags (Room B).
- If you need to eat a quick snack, please, do so in the Waiting room (B) 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.