

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Joyce Cochran Piano Competition

Sponsored by Houston Young Artists' Concert and Fort Bend Music Center

Sunday, April 15, 2012

At Fort Bend Music Center's Recital Hall

**Eligibility:** Any student residing in the Houston area (75 miles radius of center of Houston) is eligible to enter the competition. The competition is open to students at age of 4 through 18 years old by December 31, 2012. It is divided into four categories by different age groups.

Category A	4 through 7 years old
Category B	8 through 11 years old
Category C	12 through 14 years old
Category D	15 through 18 years old

**Repertoire:** one or more pieces from the standard "Classical" piano literature for at least 2 minutes under 7 minutes.

Maximum performance time is 7 minutes. Going over the time limit will cause disqualification.

Any movement of a large work for piano is acceptable.

All musical selections in the contest must be original solo compositions for the piano.

No arrangement or transcription is allowed.

No simplified arrangement will be accepted.

All music must be played from memory.

All compositions are to be played in their entirety, as written with no repeat.

**Dress Code:** Performance/ formal attire

**HYAC's expectation:**

- 1) Excellent stage performance including walking, bowing, and communication with audience.
- 2) Each competitor selects music suitable to his or her pianistic skill.

**Awards:** Winners Concert will be held at Fort Bend Music Center Recital Hall in 2012. This monetary award is generously funded by Fort Bend Music Center.

Category A	Each winner receives a certificate.
Category B	1 <sup>st</sup> place: \$100, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place; \$50
Category C	1 <sup>st</sup> place: \$200, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$100, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place; \$75
Category D	1 <sup>st</sup> place: \$500, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: \$300, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place; \$100
The Best Performance Award	\$100

**Location:**

Fort Bend Music Center

12919 SW Freeway, Suite 160, Stafford, TX 77477

[www.ftbendmusic.com](http://www.ftbendmusic.com)

**Application:**

Download a hard copy of the application form at [www.HYAC.org](http://www.HYAC.org) and submit with application fee of \$25 to HYAC, P. O. Box 22901, Houston, TX 77227.

Application fee is non-refundable.

Deadline for registration is March 2, 2012. (All application materials must be mailed by March 2, 2012.)

**Others:**

Any contestant who misses his or her assigned audition time will be disqualified.

Three judges will listen to each competitor.

The decision of the jury is final with no appeal.

Performances are open to the public.

No photos, videos, or sound recording will be allowed in the contest.

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**Application Form**

Performer's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Biography (about 150 words, include your musical achievement and something about you as an excellent pianist.) in a separate sheet.

**Musical Selection(s)**

Composer, composition including catalogue number, key signature, and duration

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Application material mail to:  
**Houston Young Artists' Concert**  
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