

# THE SEVENTH NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION®

*Founded and Presented by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation*

**JUNE 22-27, 2014 AGES 16-21**

## APPLICATION RULES

### IMPORTANT DATES

**December 6, 2013**

Application postmark deadline

**March 10, 2014**

Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to applicants

**June 22, 2014**

Contestants must be present at Steinway Hall in New York City at 6:00 pm for the introductory meeting and the drawing of the order of performance of the Competition.

**June 23, 2014**

Competition begins and will be held at The Manhattan School of Music.

**June 27, 2014**

Awards Ceremony

### ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPETITION

The Seventh New York International Piano Competition is open to pianists of all nationalities. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-21 during the time of the competition, and have been born after June 27, 1992, and before June 22, 1998. The Competition is not open to previous solo prize winners of The New York International Piano Competition or any applicant who has studied with a member of the 2014 Competition Jury.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

1. Applications must consist of the following:

- a. Completed Application Form.
- b. Photocopy of your birth certificate, passport, or other official document verifying date and place of birth.
- c. Application fee of \$125, non-refundable, submitted: by check from a US-affiliated bank, made payable to The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, or by credit card through the PAYPAL option on website.
- d. A current one-page biographical profile, including educational background.
- e. Photocopies of the most current programs, reviews, and awards received from other competitions.

f. Two different color photographs, 5X7 inches (13 cm x 17cm) suitable for publicity purposes. Images submitted by e-mail or on disc should be 300 dpi JPEG files. Include one head shot.

g. Two letters of recommendation specifically directed to The New York International Piano Competition, from persons of professional standing: your current piano teacher and an acknowledged musician familiar with your achievements.

h. Submit a 200-300 word statement on what you would like to accomplish as a result of entering the competition and your future goals as a musician. If not written in English, an English translation must be provided.

i. An audition DVD should include a 20-25 minute performance suitable for evaluation. It must be of excellent technical quality. (Two copies) (Refer to DVD's for Admission.)

2. Completed signed application, DVD's and enclosures must arrive at the Competition Office, postmarked no later than December 6, 2013. These items will become the property of The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation.

Applicants should retain copies of all materials sent with their application. The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation will not accept responsibility for any DVD's or documents lost. Upon receipt of Application Form, DVD's and enclosures, an acknowledgment will be sent to each applicant.

3. Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance to the Competition will be sent to all applicants on or about March 10, 2014. Twenty-two candidates will be selected to participate.

**Application Forms, DVD's, and supporting documents should be submitted by mail to:  
The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation  
119 West 57th Street Suite 1401  
New York, NY 10019 USA**

Phone: (212) 581-8380 Fax: (212) 581-4186  
E-mail: [info@stecherandhorowitz.org](mailto:info@stecherandhorowitz.org)  
[www.stecherandhorowitz.org](http://www.stecherandhorowitz.org)

## REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Repertoire should include:
  - a. A prelude and fugue from The Well-Tempered Clavier by J.S. Bach
  - b. The first movement from a sonata by Haydn, Mozart or Beethoven
  - c. A significant Romantic composition (or group of shorter pieces) by Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann
  - d. One etude by Chopin, Op. 10 or Op. 25
  - e. A 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> century composition (movements or sections are acceptable) the movement or section must be complete
  - f. Required commissioned work (approximately 8 minutes in length)

**Repertoire selected from a-f should not exceed 50 minutes, including the time between movements and compositions.**

g. The first movement of a concerto selected from the following list:	
Beethoven	No. 1 in C Major, Op. 15 No. 2 in B flat Major, Op. 19 No. 3 in C Minor, Op. 37
Chopin	No. 1 in E Minor, Op. 11 No. 2 in F Minor, Op. 21
Grieg	A Minor, Op. 16
Mozart	No. 9 in E flat Major, K. 271 No. 20 in D Minor, K. 466 No. 23 in A Major, K. 488 No. 24 in C Minor, K. 491
Prokofiev	No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26
Rachmaninoff	No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18
Ravel	G Major
Saint-Saens	No. 2 in G Minor, Op. 22
Schumann	A Minor, Op. 54
Tchaikowsky	No. 1 in B flat Minor, Op. 23

2. Repertoire must be listed accurately on the Application Form. Include title, number, key, opus, movements and duration of each piece.

3. Submitted repertoire is subject to approval by the Competition Artistic Committee.

**4. For the Competition, applicants accepted are required to perform the repertoire submitted on the Application Form as well as the submitted DVD.  
No changes will be permitted.**

5. All repertoire must be performed from memory.

6. If requested by the Jury, contestants must have available a copy of the edition used in the preparation of each work of the repertoire performed. Contestants must also have available an additional copy of the concerto for the accompanist. No photocopies will be accepted.

## REQUIRED COMMISSIONED REPERTOIRE

As an additional requirement, contestants accepted to the Competition will be sent a new work for solo piano, commissioned by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation for the 2014 New York International Piano Competition. The score will be sent approximately twelve weeks in advance. It will not exceed eight minutes in length and **must be performed from memory. Contestants have the option of including it in the Preliminary or Semi-Final Round.**

## REQUIRED ENSEMBLE ROUND REPERTOIRE

As an additional requirement, contestants accepted to the Competition will be sent designated one-piano, four hands or two piano repertoire (to be determined prior to mailing) approximately twelve weeks in advance, (parts to be pre-selected) that will not exceed twelve minutes in length. **This repertoire does not have to be memorized.** Teams will be chosen by a drawing, and all teams will perform the same repertoire for the ensemble round. (Refer to Competition Procedures No. 6)

## DVD's FOR ADMISSION

1. Repertoire on DVD's should be selected from the repertoire submitted under Repertoire Requirements. Include in the following order:

- a. Prelude and Fugue by Bach
- b. First movement of the sonata (no repeats)
- c. Romantic composition (or group of shorter pieces)
- d. Etude by Chopin

2. The DVD must be of high quality and professionally recorded at one location; record to NTSC or PAL format. No editing is allowed. The video recording must be made with one fixed camera, mounted on a tripod, focusing on the right profile and hands of the pianist.

3. Name, address and contents must be affixed to DVD's.

## COMPETITION ROUNDS

**Each contestant will be scheduled to perform in all four Rounds of the Competition. There will be no elimination of any contestant by the Jury throughout the Competition.**

### **Preliminary Round**

The Jury will hear a twenty (25) minute recital of the submitted solo repertoire, including time between movements and compositions. The compositions and order of performance will be determined by the contestant. Unless the designated time is exceeded, the contestant will not be interrupted.

### **Semi-Final Round**

The Jury will hear a twenty-five (25) minute recital of the submitted solo repertoire, including time between movements and compositions, and not repeating repertoire from the preliminary round. The compositions and order of performance will be determined by the contestant. Unless the designated time is exceeded, the contestant will not be interrupted.

***Make sure you have included the required commissioned composition within the time period of either the Preliminary or Semi-Final Rounds.***

### **Final Round**

The first movement of the submitted concerto will be heard by the Jury. An accompanist at the second piano will be furnished by the Competition.

### **Ensemble Round**

The designated repertoire will be heard by the Jury.

## **COMPETITION PROCEDURES**

1. A Screening Jury will evaluate the entire application and the submitted DVD.
2. The order of performance of contestants will be determined by a drawing and maintained throughout the Competition, including the Ensemble Round.
3. The Competition will be judged by a distinguished international panel of Jurors.
4. In the event there are changes or cancellations relevant to unusual circumstances, all contestants must be ready to perform at a newly assigned time during the Competition.
5. Each contestant will be assigned a schedule and provided with an accompanist for rehearsing the first movement of the concerto.
6. Each team will be assigned a schedule and provided with a coach for rehearsing the designated ensemble repertoire.
7. Each contestant is required to attend all educational seminars, master classes and other special events associated with the Competition.
8. All phases of the Competition will be open to the public.
9. Contestants in the Competition must waive all claims and fees for audio and video presentations, recordings and photographs, performances on radio or television, either live or on tape attributed to any activities of the Competition. The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation reserves the right to record all rounds of the Competition for its own purposes, and to use such tapes (audio or video) at any time without any payment of fees or royalties to the performers.

The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, its assignees or licensees may not be held liable for any payments to performers, derived from materials attributed to Competition performances. Contestants are obligated to sign a release form yielding all rights to such materials to the Foundation, its assignees or licensees.

## **PRIZES and AWARDS, approximately \$50,000**

<i>First Prize</i>	\$10,000 Concert and Recital appearances
<i>Second Prize</i>	\$6,000 Concert and Recital appearances
<i>Third Prize</i>	\$3,000 Concert and Recital appearances
<i>Fourth Prize</i>	\$2,000 Concert and Recital appearances
<i>First Prize</i>	<i>Ensemble</i> \$3,500 Divided between the winning team
<i>Second Prize</i>	<i>Ensemble</i> \$2,500 Divided between the winning team
<i>Best performance of Commissioned Work</i>	\$1,500

***In addition to the prizes awarded to winners, each remaining contestant receives a cash award of \$1,000.***

1. All contestants are required to appear at the Awards Ceremony.
2. Prize winners who are selected to appear in recitals (no more than four appearances per year unless mutually agreed upon) following the Competition, and arranged under the auspices of The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, are obligated to perform for a period no longer than three years after the Competition. The Competition will compensate the winner with round-trip transportation and accommodations if travel to and from destination of concert exceeds 100 miles each way.
3. Taxes may be deducted from prizes and awards according to the U.S. income tax laws in effect at the time of the competition.

## **PRACTICE AND REHEARSALS**

1. Daily practice facilities are made available at The Manhattan School of Music. Contestants are required to utilize assigned studios at all times. Parents, teachers or guests are not permitted in the rehearsal studios at any time.

2. Each contestant will be given an assigned time to try the Steinway Piano on stage prior to the Preliminary Round.

## TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Contestants accepted to the Competition are responsible for their travel arrangements and expenses to and from the Competition.

2. Contestants will be provided with their accommodations free of charge during the time period of the Competition, and are *required* to stay at The Manhattan School of Music Dorm for the duration of the Competition. Family members can make their own reservations to stay at the dorm at their expense.

3. Contestants participating in the Competition under the age of 18, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

4. All contestants *must* arrive in New York City, no later than 2:00 p.m., June 22, 2014, to be present at Steinway Hall for the introductory meeting of the Competition at 6:00 pm, and the drawing of the order of performance. Contestants traveling more than 3000 air miles *must* arrive in New York City on June 21, 2014, one day earlier. This allows for travel fatigue or jet-lag.

5. Applicants requiring visas should consult the nearest American Embassy or Consulate for advice.

## GENERAL RULES

1. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final in all matters of the Competition. Arrangements or other matters pertaining to the Competition not covered by the rules may be made without prior notice by the Executive Committee.

2. The decisions made by the Jury of the Competition are final and are not subject to query, review or appeal.

3. The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation will be the sole arbiter of any allegation.

4. Any contestant can be disqualified for failure to comply with the rules and procedures pertaining to the Competition.

5. At the time of printing all information within this Application was deemed correct. The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation reserves the right to make changes if necessary.

6. Rules of the Competition may be amended by action of the Executive Committee.

7. During the time of the Competition, Contestants must not have any other commitments.

8. Contestants should not contact or speak with any member of the Jury at any time during the Competition.

9. The English language governs any/all interpretation of the Application Rules and the Application Form.



# THE SEVENTH NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION® APPLICATION FORM

Please return Application Form with necessary enclosures to the Competition Office, postmarked no later than December 6, 2013. Please type or clearly print all information *IN ENGLISH*.

Mail application and enclosures to:

The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation  
119 West 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1401  
New York, NY 10019 USA

**Personal Information**

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Last Name                                      First Name                                      Middle Name                                      \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

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Name as it should appear in official Program Book and Publicity

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Date of Birth              Month of Birth              Year of Birth              Place of Birth                                      Citizenship

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Social Security, Passport, or Other Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permanent Address – Street

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City                                      State                                      Country                                      Zip or Postal Code

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Home Phone                                      Cell Phone                                      Fax                                      Email

**Address for all competition related correspondence from December 6, 2013 to June 22, 2014**

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Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City                                      State                                      Country                                      Zip or Postal Code

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Home Phone                                      Cell Phone                                      Email

**Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) Contact Information**

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Name of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)

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Mailing Address of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s)                                      City                                      State                                      Country                                      Zip or Postal Code

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Home Phone                                      Cell Phone                                      Email

**Education and Training**

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High School	Grade
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Present Music School/Private Studio	Name of Teacher/Years of Study	Total Years of Study
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College/University	Name of Teacher/Years of Study	Dates Attended
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Music School/Conservatory	Name of Teacher/Years of Study	Dates Attended
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**List Additional Piano Teachers not included above (begin with most recent)**

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**Performance Experience**

*List Regional, National or International Competitions in which you have participated. Include copies of certificates awarded. List the awards received: First-Prize; Second-Prize; First Place; Second Place, etc.*

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Name of Competition	Year	Placement
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**List the concertos you have studied**

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Composer	Number	Key	Opus
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**List the concertos you have performed with orchestra, if applicable**

Composer	Concerto	Orchestra	Conductor	Date
Composer	Concerto	Orchestra	Conductor	Date

**List your most recent recitals, including school and public. Include printed programs and press reviews where applicable**

Date	City	Performance Hall	Presentor
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**Recommendations**

**Name and address of current piano teacher whose recommendation you are submitting**

Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Telephone	Email
Address (Street)			
City	State	Country	Zip/Postal Code

**Name and address of acknowledged musician whose recommendation you are submitting**

Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Telephone	Email
Address (Street)			
City	State	Country	Zip/Postal Code

**Background Information**

Languages you speak

**How did you find out about the NYIPC**

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**Required Solo Repertoire, Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds**

(Include title, number, key, opus and movements)

The Preliminary and Semi-Final rounds should be no more than 25 minutes each. This includes time between compositions and movements. The contestant must include the commissioned work, approximately 8 minutes in length, as part of the 25 minute program in either the Preliminary or Semi-Final round. Following the applicants admittance to the Competition, the order of performance will be determined by the accepted contestant. Be sure to include the repertoire submitted on your audition DVD as part of either your Preliminary and/or Semi-Final Rounds. No changes will be permitted.

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Composer	Prelude and Fugue	Duration
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Composer	Sonata (first movement)	Duration
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Composer	Romantic Composition (s)	Duration
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Composer	Etude	Duration
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Composer	20 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Composition (movement (s) or section (s))	Duration
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**Additional Solo Repertoire for Preliminary and Semi-Final Rounds (to be filled out ONLY if above repertoire does not meet the time requirement of 25 minutes for each round)**

Fill the remaining time with composition (s) of your choice.

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Composer	Composition	Duration
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**Concerto, Final Round**

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Composer	Concerto (first movement)	Duration
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**Name and Signature of Applicant**

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Please print or type name

Signature

Date

**Name and Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian for Applicant under the age of 18 at the time of the Competition**

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Please print or type name

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_Male\_\_Female

Date

See Application Rules; Application Procedures Page 1. Include with your Application: 1. a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- \_\_\_ a. Completed Application Form
- \_\_\_ b. Photocopy of Proof of Birth
- \_\_\_ c. Application Fee of \$125.00 US
- \_\_\_ d. Current One-Page Biography
- \_\_\_ e. Photocopies of Concert Programs and Reviews
- \_\_\_ f. Two (2) High Resolution Photos Including a Head Shot
- \_\_\_ g. Two (2) Recommendation Letters
- \_\_\_ h. Personal Statement
- \_\_\_ i. Audition DVD

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Declaration, Agreement, Media and Release Consent Form**

I declare that the information given in the Application Form is accurate and truthful. If accepted as a competitor in the 2014 New York International Piano Competition, held in New York City, I shall abide by all rules and regulations of the Competition as stated in the official Application Rules. If I become a Prize winner of the Competition, I further agree to the following:

1. During the three-year period following the Competition, I will make every effort to accept all appearances offered by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation as part of the prize. Prize winners who are requested to appear in recitals (no more than four appearances per year unless mutually agreed upon following the Competition) are obligated to perform for a period of no longer than three years after the Competition. The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation will compensate the winner with round trip transportation and accommodations if travel to and from destination of concert exceeds 100 miles each way.

2. I shall adhere to the advice and suggestions of the Foundation's Executive Directors regarding the repertoire submitted to be performed at the recitals secured by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation.

3. Should the Stecher and Horowitz Foundation produce an electronic recording of me during or in connection with The New York International Piano Competition:

I hereby agree to your electronic recording of me and/or recording my voice and/or my musical performances (collectively the "Material") in connection with audio and visual programs (the "Programs") produced by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation, that shall be copyrighted by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation.

I hereby agree to appear in the Programs and consent to your using the Material including my name, voice and likeness in connection with the Programs with the understanding that you and your successors, licensees and assignees shall have the exclusive right to reproduce, distribute and exhibit the Programs in all media for commercial and educational broadcast and/or promotional display worldwide.

Additionally, you shall also have the right to obtain copyright for material provided by or uttered by me as part of any electronic recording in connection with my appearance on the Programs as well as to obtain copyright for any pre-existing original material that I provide to you to be used in part or in its entirety in the Programs, including, but not limited to: video, audio and photographs of me.

I also hereby forever release and discharge you, The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation and each of your respective successors, licensees and assignees, from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, costs and liabilities of every kind and character, known and unknown, now existing or which may hereafter arise, in connection with the use of the Material and/or other use of my voice, my likeness and/or my name as herein provided.

I will make no claims whatsoever for any funds, which may accrue to The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation or its assignees or licensees, resulting from the use or sale of such recorded, filmed or videotaped material.

In the event I fail to comply with any of the provisions listed above, it is hereby agreed and understood that the Foundation may seek a court injunction preventing me from further violations of this agreement, and in such event I agree to pay the Foundation all of the Foundation's court costs and attorney's fees incurred in obtaining such injunction.

4. The provisions of No. 3 shall apply to concerts secured by The Stecher and Horowitz Foundation during the three year period following the Competition.

**Name and Signature of Applicant**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please print or type name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Name and Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian for Applicant under the age of 18 at the time of the Competition**

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Please print or type name

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date