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The Steinway Society Young Artist Program

2009 - 2010

An Overview

Purpose:

The purpose of the Steinway Society Young Artist Program is to provide:

- Performance Opportunities through the Pittsburgh Symphony Partnership, Young Artist Sunday Performances, and Regional Community Performances.
- Educational Opportunities through Performances Classes and Master Classes.
- Exposure to the great piano literature through the Steinway Society Piano Recital Series and special ticket prices and complimentary tickets (For those performing in the Heinz Hall Series) for Piano Concerto Performances with the Pittsburgh Symphony.
- For those students achieving the highest performance levels, preparation to join the National Steinway Young Artist Program.

About The National Steinway Young Artist Program.

- We are proud to have provided the inspiration for this magnificent program, designed to support pianists from the ages of 16 to 34. Students selected for the National Program must meet a rigorous criteria of performance and education to qualify. Alvin Zhu will be in the first group of young pianists to qualify. More information will be available at www.steinway.com in the very near future.

The Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania is a pioneer in preparing the students for the National Program while providing an inspirational experience for all regional pianists age 8 to 18. We also hope to encourage young pianists to attend our Steinway Piano Recital Series, and Piano Concerto Events with the Pittsburgh Symphony. The opportunity to hear great pianists performing great repertoire is critical in the education of our students.

Who is eligible?

- All Students of Steinway Society Members are eligible for the Young Artist Program. Students will be required to have family memberships of the Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania. We encourage our students to attend as many performances as possible.
- Students DO NOT need to own a Steinway piano to participate in the Regional Program. As with the International Steinway Artist Roster, they do need to own a Steinway or Steinway Designed piano to qualify for the National Young Artist Roster.

Auditions:

We ask that all students interested in the program attend an audition on Sunday November 8, 2009. Dr. Christine Kefferstan of West Virginia University will be hearing all auditions. From this audition, we will be selecting students to perform in the Pittsburgh Symphony pre-concert program Heinz Hall, in Master Classes, The Young Artist Recitals at Trombino Piano Gallerie. *All students* will be accepted in the young artist program - and will be invited to attend the master classes, the Steinway Society Piano Recital Series, and other activities. While not every student will be selected for the various performance opportunities, they will be provided with a very rich experience of attending the programs and concerts, and meeting other young pianists. The rich social aspect of networking with other young pianists is as invaluable as the relationships we have as adults with other pianists and teachers. It is our belief that all students participating in this program will be inspired to achieve a higher level of performance.

The Audition will last approximately 15 minutes. Memorization is preferential, but not required for the audition, but will be required for all performances.

Students are encouraged to choose their favorite repertoire for this audition.

Please review the enclosed instruction sheet and feel free to make as many copies as you like.

The performance dates for Heinz Hall are as follows:

January 22 & 23, March 5, 11, 12, 13, April 9, 11, 16, 17, 29 & 30

We are extremely pleased to partner with the Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania in this endeavor.

Please make as many copies of this information as you would like. Be sure that students have the Information Sheet and Application Form.

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Audition Requirements and Application

Audition date: Sunday November 8, 2009 from 12:00 to 6:00

Location: Trombino Piano Gallerie 942 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA

Auditions will be heard by Christine Kefferstan of West Virginia University

- All students from the ages of 8 to 18 who study with a member of the Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania are eligible to become members of this program.
- Student members must have a family membership.
- Students should prepare 15 minutes of repertoire, memorization is preferred but not mandatory. Memorization is required for all performances.
- Students should prepare a one page essay on "Why I Play The Piano"
- Students should have a biography page and photograph.
- Students should be dressed in appropriate performance attire (no jeans, sweat suits, mini-skirts, tennis shoes or high platform shoes.)
- Students will be assigned a time between 12:00 and 6:00 and should arrive 20 minutes early for an interview.
- Those students who are not already enrolled in the Steinway Society may do so prior to their audition on audition day.

Student Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Teacher: _____ Teacher's Phone No: _____

Teacher's Signature (serving as recommendation for this Program:

Repertoire to be Performed:

Parent's Names: _____

We give permission for our child to participate in the Steinway Society Young Artist Program. We understand that on occasion, student's may be photographed and biographies presented will be shared with The Pittsburgh Symphony and other organizations promoting this program.

Parent's Signature: _____

Please bring music, Biography, Photo and Essay on "Why I Play The Piano" at your audition time.