



THE GCSS PIANO COMPETITION X, 2025

Saturday, February 1, 2025

WINNERS ARE INVITED TO PERFORM AT WEILL HALL AT

THE CARNEGIE HALL, NEW YORK, NY – JUNE 4, 2025

The First Place Prize Winner at Each Level Will Receive \$200

Contemporary Music Prize for High School and College Level \$300 for each level

The Gulf Coast Steinway Society is a non-profit organization formed by Steinway Artist Dr. Kadisha Onalbayeva and other individuals united in their devotion to strive to promote fine music through education and performance along the Gulf Coast region. The Gulf Coast Steinway Society Music Competition X will take place at the University of Mobile, 5735 College Parkway, Mobile, Alabama, on Saturday, February 1, 2025. Its purpose is to give talented young students an opportunity to perform and to work with master teachers.

THE GCSS MUSIC COMPETITION X, 2025
Competition Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be residents of the state of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi, or be studying with a teacher who is a resident of these states. Competition participants will be students from Elementary, Middle School, High School and Undergraduate Colleges and Universities in the five-state region.

First Prize Winners from last year's GCSS Competition are NOT ELIGIBLE to enter this competition in the same category.

- Category A: Elementary School (Grade 1-5)
- Category B: Middle School (Grade 6-8)
- Category C: High School - TWO LEVELS: (Grade 9-10) and (Grade 11-12)
- College Level Category (undergraduate students only) - TWO LEVELS:
Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior

AWARDS

Three Gulf Coast Steinway Society Awards will be given for each category.

Honorable Mentions will be given at the discretion of the judges.

Contemporary Music Prize

The Gulf Coast Steinway Society is proud to announce that there will be a Contemporary Music Prize added for the upcoming Competition X, which will take place on February 1, 2025. Works by composer Michael Coleman, Winner of the 2023 Leopold Auer International Competition, will be used for both the High School and College Divisions. His “Four Bagatelles” will be used for the High School Division and “ahsidaK” will be used for the College level.

SOLO REPERTOIRE

Piano: Elementary, Middle, High Schools – (Total Time Limit for THREE works combined not more than 12 minutes, each work not more than 5 minutes)

Students will perform THREE contrasting styles:

1. Baroque
2. Classical
3. Romantic
4. Contemporary

Piano: College Level (Total Time Limit for THREE works combined: 15 minutes, each work not more than 6 minutes)

Students will perform THREE contrasting styles:

1. Baroque
2. Classical
3. Romantic
4. Contemporary

**GULF COAST STEINWAY SOCIETY
MUSIC COMPETITION X
PIANO
Saturday, February 1, 2025
APPLICATION FORM**

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ AGE _____

SCHOOL _____

CATEGORY (Circle):

- Category A: Elementary School (Grade 1-5)
- Category B: Middle School (Grade 6-8)
- Category C: High School – TWO LEVELS: (Grade 9-10) and (Grade 11-12)
- College Level Category (undergraduate students only) - TWO LEVELS:
Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

INSTRUCTOR _____

INSTRUCTOR'S EMAIL _____

APPLICATION FEE \$65.00

REPERTOIRE: CONTRASTING PIECES, COMPOSER, MOVEMENT, TITLE AND EXACT TIME.

1. _____ TIME: _____

2. _____ TIME: _____

3. _____ TIME: _____

4. Michael Coleman: "Four Bagatelles"

5. Michael Coleman: "ahsidaK"

PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A SCHEDULE BY EMAIL

**All works must be memorized.
You must provide ONE copy of your score.**

SCORES MUST BE LEGALLY DOWNLOADED

APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications must be submitted by Friday, December 12, 2024. ***NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.***

STUDENT APPLICATION FEE

There is a fee of \$65.00 per category. Application package must include:

1. Application Form
2. Non-refundable Fee \$65.00 per category

Please Submit your Application Online:

www.gulfcoaststeinwaysociety.org

Gulf Coast Steinway Society Music Competition X, 2025

We wish all our applicants great success in participating in The GCSS Music Competition

X! If you have any questions, please contact: gulfcoaststeinwaysocietyinc@gmail.com