

2021 Maurer, Putter and Rudd Music Awards for High School Seniors
Wednesday Morning Music Club - TFMC, NFMC
Co-Sponsored by Steinway Piano Gallery



REVISED with COVID-related Modifications

Purpose: To encourage and reward a high degree of performance excellence and to assist students with their musical education.

Eligibility: Any High School SENIOR (12th Grade) whose parents are legal residents of the City of Austin, Travis County, Leander ISD, Round Rock ISD, or Dripping Springs ISD shall be eligible to compete for the Maurer and Putter awards.

Award Amounts: Maurer Award for First Place Senior: **\$1800**
Putter Award for Second Place Senior: **\$1600**
Sally Strawn Rudd Supplemental Award: **\$250** at the discretion of the judges.

Repertoire: All contestants must perform three **memorized** solo selections in contrasting styles.

Instrumentalists' selections must represent three **different historical style periods** of music. (For a list of composers and their style periods, go to www.admta.org. Under Parent Resources, see List of Composers.)

Vocalists must perform one selection from each of the following categories:

- 1) An art song in the original language
- 2) A sacred song, not a hymn
- 3) An Italian song or aria sung in Italian

Performance:

- 1) Auditions will be limited to **ten minutes total**. The time **between** pieces is counted in the ten-minute period.
- 2) All auditions will be recorded on March 20, 2021, at your assigned time at **Steinway Piano Gallery**. We have hired a recording engineer to record all contestants.
- 3) Each contestant will receive a specific time at which to come.
- 4) Instructions on providing your music for the judges will be sent before the contest.
- 5) Contestants who need an accompanist must provide their own. For this year only, backing tracks will be accepted.

Time and Place: Saturday, **March 20, 2021**, beginning at 10:00 A.M., at **Steinway Piano Gallery**, 12980 Research Blvd., Austin. Contestants must arrive **10 minutes** before their assigned times, wearing a mask. There will be no warmup facilities available. You may do a short warmup before you play which will not be counted as part of your 10 minutes.

Result Notification: The results of the contest will be sent by email to all participants as soon as possible. First and second place winners must perform for the Wednesday Morning Music Club in May of 2021, in a format yet to be decided. The judges' comment sheets will be mailed to all participants within three weeks after the contest.

Applications: No online registration is available. You may print the application form which follows this information page. Applications must be mailed by **February 19, 2021** (postmark after this date will not be accepted) or hand-delivered no later than February 19, 2021, to:

WMMC High School Awards Contest
2606 Westover Road
Austin, TX 78703
Phone: 512-322-0313

Application Fee: A **\$30.00** check payable to **Wednesday Morning Music Club** is required with each application.

The Maurer, Putter, and Rudd Music Contests for High School Seniors
The Wednesday Morning Music Club – TFMC, NFMCC, and Steinway Piano Gallery
March 20, 2021

Application Form

Name _____ Voice/Instrument _____ Grade _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School _____ E-mail _____ Phone _____

Parent name _____ Parent email _____

Current Music Teacher _____ Phone or email _____

On the back of this application, please summarize your musical education, experience and awards. State your plans for future studies in music.

Repertoire: I will perform the following selections. I understand there will be no substitutions.

1) _____ Style period: _____

2) _____ Style period: _____

3) _____ Style period: _____

Auditions will be limited to **ten minutes total**. The time **between** pieces is counted in the ten-minute period. Please provide one set of your contest music for the judges, with any cuts clearly marked. We will tell you how to do this closer to the date. Soloists with accompanists need supply only the solo part. You will receive the judges' comments approximately three weeks after the contest.

Contestants who need an accompanist must provide their own.

Agreement by the Contestant: I agree that the decision of the judges will be final. If the performance does not warrant a prize, none will be awarded. **If chosen as a winner, I will perform for the Wednesday Morning Music Club on a date and in a format to be decided later.**

I agree to use the prize money to further my education in music.

Signature _____

Important: The \$30.00 application fee, payable to **Wednesday Morning Music Club** (no abbreviations), along with this application must be mailed by **February 19, 2021** (postmark after this date will not be accepted) or hand-delivered no later than February 19, 2021 to:

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Photocopying of music is illegal.

For complete information on copyright law go to www.mtna.org and click on Copyright Resources to find “The United States Copyright Law, A Guide for Music Educators.”

Contestants must bring original music for the judges.

If an original of the music to be played is not provided for the judge, the contestant WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY.

POLICY CONCERNING USE OF DIGITALLY DOWNLOADED SHEET MUSIC

In the current technological age, purchasing and using hard copies of sheet music is no longer the only option for teachers and students. Much repertoire is now legitimately available online, either from sites that charge fees for downloads, or those that provide free copies of music that is in the public domain.

In recognition of this new resource, copies of scores that have been downloaded from the Internet will be accepted for use at the Wilcox and Maurer contests. Because such scores may be difficult to distinguish from illegal photocopies, the contestant must bring proof that a score is downloaded, and be prepared to show such proof to the chair of the Wilcox and Maurer contests. Proof that music is downloaded and not photocopied can be provided in several ways, including but not limited to:

1. A printed receipt or other proof of purchase.
2. A URL address where the score was downloaded. Some sites will automatically print this on a downloaded score.
3. A printed URL at the bottom of the copy provided, added by the computer from which the music was printed.

Contestants who do not provide sufficient proof that sheet music has been downloaded and not illegally photocopied will not be permitted to perform. It may be noted that editions of standard repertoire from free download sites vary widely in accuracy and completeness. Contestants are advised to use standard editions whenever feasible. Multiple sheets should be taped, stapled or placed in a binder so that the judges looking at scores do not have to deal with loose paper.