



12th Annual ~ Polish Fest CHOPIN YOUTH PIANO COMPETITION

JUNE 20, 2010 (12:30 - 5:00 pm*)

Cultural Stage ~ Milwaukee, WI ~ Summerfest Grounds

JUNIOR DIVISION
(Ages 14 & Under)

SENIOR DIVISION
(Ages 15 -18)

(*) SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHOPIN 2010
200th Anniversary
(1810-2010)

1st Prize \$250
3rd Prize \$75

2nd Prize \$100
4th Prize \$50

The 12th Annual Chopin Youth Piano Competition is scheduled to take place on **Sunday, June 20, 2010** at Polish Fest in Milwaukee, WI. Polish Fest will be held at the Summerfest Grounds / **Henry W. Maier Festival Park (200 North Harbor Drive, Milwaukee)** on **June 18, 19 & 20, 2010**. Interested piano teachers are highly encouraged to have their advanced student(s) take part in this event! This is a wonderful performance and experience opportunity for your student(s).

RULES & REGULATIONS:

- **PREVIOUS 1st PLACE WINNERS:** May not enter the same division in the Chopin Youth Piano Competition.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all non-professional pianists up through the age of 18.
- **LENGTH OF PERFORMANCE:** Selected piece should preferably not exceed **10 minutes** in length.
- **PERFORM ANY (1) ONE ORIGINAL COMPOSITION** written by Frederic Chopin. Arrangements are not allowed!
 - Select any Ballade, Etude, Impromptu, Mazurka, Nocturne, Polonaise, Prelude, Sonata (one movement), Waltz, etc.
 - Selected piece must be performed completely from memory, in its entirety on competition day. Please keep in mind that the audition piece used for your submission and consideration must be the same piece that will be performed on competition day, should said applicant be chosen as a finalist. There will be no exceptions made.
- **PRELIMINARY AUDITION (AUDIO/VHS/DVD or CD):** All applicants are required to submit an audition of the piece they will be performing. Submit an audio/video tape (VHS only) or CD/DVD (CD-R, DVD-R, DVD+R, etc.). Recordings submitted for audition, may be done at home or studio and need not be professionally recorded. Any recordings that are inaudible or of poor quality, will be automatically disqualified. Please make sure to review your recording before submitting your audition for review. All submissions become property of the (CYPC) Chopin Youth Piano Competition and will not be returned.
- **INCLUDE A COLOR PHOTO:** A school/graduation photo is highly recommended. Photos may also be submitted via email or on disk (JPEG format). Photo submitted must be a minimum wallet size, preferably no larger than 4" x 6" and do not need to be professional. PLEASE NOTE: Photos will not be returned and become property of CYPC.
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked on or before **MAY 15, 2010.**
- **APPLICATION FEE:** Send this completed registration form along with a non-refundable application fee of **\$ 20.00** made payable to: **POLISH FEST, INC.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Coolers, beverages and/or food items are strictly prohibited from being brought onto the festival grounds and any such items must be kept in your car. We ask that you kindly abide by this festival regulation.
- **CYPC WINNERS:** Competition winners will also be asked to participate during various performance opportunities throughout the year. Such events may include, but are not limited to the following: (i.e. Encore Performance at the Polish Center of Wisconsin – mid July/August, Polanki College Achievement Awards Program – late April). Please keep in mind that most performance events are typically scheduled for early Sunday afternoons.

Only finalists will be notified via telephone and/or email on or about **JUNE 1, 2010**. Finalists will each receive an information packet containing a confirmation letter with more specific details about the Chopin Youth Piano Competition. This packet will include the following: An itinerary, directions, (2) complimentary admission tickets to Polish Fest and (1) parking pass for a designated parking lot at Polish Fest.

Additional copies of this letter & application form may be freely reproduced for distribution to your students and/or other interested teachers. Application forms can also be downloaded in **PDF format** via the internet or you may request one in writing by sending a **SASE** to the address listed below.

Musically Yours,

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