

Malek Jandali International Youth Piano Competition

RULES & REGULATIONS

• ELEGIBILITY

This international youth piano competition is open to pianists of any nationality up to age 18 or **YOUNGER** on the application deadline date of the competition. Each participant must have his or her parents and/or legal guardians consent and approval that are required to read and sign the release, waiver and sworn statement listed in the application form. First prize winners of any prior Malek Jandali International Youth Piano Competition are eligible to participate and compete again in future competitions.

• REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed application form and non-refundable application fee of \$50
2. Each participant shall be required to perform **FROM MEMORY** the selected and required piano solo composition as well as one work by a composer from their country of origin, on a regular upright, baby or grand **PIANO**
3. Film and record a **LIVE VIDEO** of your best complete live performance of the works. Read "Video Recording" section for more details
4. Participants may not be older than 18 years of age on the deadline of the application form in the competition year

• INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete application form
2. A brief biography of musical experience, hobbies and education
3. Download required solo piano composition
4. Film and record your best live performances **FROM MEMORY** on a regular upright, baby or grand **PIANO** – performances on electronic piano or keyboard are not permitted
5. Upload your live video performances to YouTube with the following title:
"Malek Jandali Piano Competition - Name of piano composition - Your Name"
6. E-mail the video links along with completed application form and supporting material before the listed deadline to agent@malekjandali.com

• APPLICATION

All application forms and video submissions must be completed and sent by the required deadline. By signing the application form, the entrant accepts all the rules and regulations of the competition and the decisions of the jury. Failure to comply with these rules and regulations may lead to disqualification. Participants' parents or legal guardians must sign the application form which includes the release, waiver and sworn statement. By signing the application form, each competitor renounces all rights, fees and claims relating to such recordings, films and broadcasts. It is the responsibility of the parents, and/or legal guardian of participants to abide by all rules and regulations for the Malek Jandali International Piano Competition.

• VIDEO RECORDING

It is to the participant's benefit to provide a video recording of high quality, preferably High Definition (HD). Each participant must ensure that the live video performance captures the keyboard and shows both the face and fingers clearly. Video recordings with too much background noise or distortion make it difficult for adjudicators and jury to render a fair judgment of technical and artistic qualities. Video recording must be live performance and must not be professionally edited. Recorded performances must be performed entirely **FROM MEMORY**. Each video submitted must be free of damage or defects and clear of any marks, logos or writings. Video recordings may only be submitted via e-mail as a YouTube link. No audio tape, MiniDisc, video tape, DVD, DAT tape, or any other format will be accepted.

• ADJUDICATION

All submissions will be judged by a panel of five international artists, musicians and pedagogues. The jurors are not permitted to evaluate a current or former student of his or her own. In such situations, a nonpartisan juror will be selected to substitute in a given category, or vote in the case of a tie. This panel will not be assembled until after all applications have been collected in order to facilitate fair and unbiased adjudication.

Prizes will only be awarded to competitors who adhere to all the rules and regulations. Special prizes may be awarded. The adjudicators are under no obligation to award prizes if performance standards do not warrant this. No correspondence will be entered into regarding the decisions of the jury.

• AWARD

The first prize winner will receive a \$500 Cash Grand Prize and have the opportunity to perform live in a concert with Malek Jandali at Carnegie Hall. Second place will receive a cash prize of \$300 and third place will receive a cash prize of \$200. Additional Prizes, Honorable Mention and Special Prizes might be awarded. **Winners must be present in order to claim their prize.**

• JURY'S DECISION

The decision of the jury is final and not subject to question, review, or appeal. All participants must agree to waive any and all claims of liability. **The judges reserve the right to not present an award per their discretion.**

• TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Winner(s) shall be prepared to travel at his or her own expense in order to participate and perform in one of Malek Jandali's live concerts. The organizers do not provide housing, but a list of housing choices, including host families, will be provided upon request. The organizers offer no guarantee that they will be able to fulfill a host family stay request. Non US, EU residents are responsible for obtaining a visa, if necessary.

• **RELEASE AND WAIVER**

A. RELEASE

I, the PARTICIPANT or the PARENT or LEGAL GUARDIAN of the PARTICIPANT, age 18 or younger (hereinafter collectively referred to as "PARTICIPANT"), hereby waive, release, and grant to and for the benefit of the Malek Jandali International Youth Piano Competition (hereinafter referred to as "MJPC") and/or its assignees, any and all rights that I may have to any recordings, videography, and/or photographs made by or for the MJPC of any performance or event organized or sponsored by it. I understand and agree that by virtue of this waiver, release, and grant of rights, the MJPC will have the right to make full and unrestricted use of such recordings, videography, and/or photographs, including without limitation, in advertisements, commercial ventures, and promotions and for the sale or lease of same, without any fee or other compensation owed to me.

B. WAIVER

I, the PARTICIPANT, fully and in good faith intending to be bound thereby, do hereby promise not to initiate any claim, lawsuit, or other legal action, pertaining to any action or omission by the MJPC relating directly or indirectly to the piano competition as to which application is herewith being made. This promise is made as a condition of the application, and in consideration for the MJPC's processing and evaluation of the application. This promise constitutes an acceptance and agreement by the PARTICIPANT that, for example, decisions by competition judges are final and unappealable, and the physical spaces of the performance venues are reasonably safe and appropriate for their intended purposes. (However, this promise is not in any respect limited to the above example.) I intend that this promise be fully binding upon the PARTICIPANT, as well as upon heirs, successors, and assignees of the PARTICIPANT. This promise applies to the application process, the competition, and all events under the purview of the Malek Jandali International Youth Piano Competition and its associated activities and/or events.

C. SWORN STATEMENT

I, the PARTICIPANT, hereby certify that all recordings of the repertoire herein which I have submitted to the MJPC piano competition for consideration have been performed and/or recorded by the participant completely from memory, without the use of musical scores, notes, or auxiliary musical notation of any kind. Furthermore, I, the PARTICIPANT, hereby affirm to the fact that the recording submitted with this application is a true and accurate representation of my performance.

**Malek Jandali International Youth Piano Competition
Application Form**

First Name:

Last Name

Date of Birth M/DD/YY:

Country & City of Residence:

Nationality:

Name of Parent or Guardian:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Tell us about yourself, including education, hobbies and musical repertoire:
(One Paragraph)

By submitting this Application Form, I hereby fully affirm that the above statements in this Application Form are true, and legally binding upon me and that I have read and understood all rules and regulations of this competition. Electronic submission of this Application Form shall serve as my legally binding signature and acceptance.

