

2020 OFFICIAL BEARDSLEY PIANO PRIZE COMPETITION RULES:

1. The Robert B. Beardsley Piano Prize Competition is open to all. There are no age or citizenship restrictions. Winners and finalists will be responsible for any and all taxes on their winnings.
2. All entrants must submit a completed registration form via www.Ruthmere.org, and a video audition showcasing two or more contrasting styles or time periods. All pieces must be for solo piano only—no orchestral accompaniment. YouTube videos are preferred.
3. Entrants may submit one or more videos *totaling* approximately 10 minutes. Longer videos are acceptable, but may not be viewed in their entirety.
4. Videos must be submitted via email to mdoddington@ruthmere.org. Video links will be passed on to the judges after August 1, 2020.
5. Deadline for entries is 11:59 p.m., August 1, 2020.
6. All entries must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$25.00 entry fee payable via the Ruthmere website.
7. All chosen finalists must give an in-person performance of 15-20 minutes on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Selection(s) may vary from audition video.
8. All finalists will receive a travel stipend of \$100.00 immediately after the competition.
9. All finalists are required to arrive in Elkhart on the evening of Friday, September 18, 2020, in order to draw numbers for playing order.
10. Host families are available for finalists who wish to partake. Alternate arrangements may be undertaken. Finalists are responsible for all travel expenses beyond the \$100 stipend.
11. Rehearsal facilities will be provided the morning of the competition at the First Presbyterian Church next to Ruthmere. Each finalist will have one hour before his or her scheduled performance.
12. First-place winner will perform a one-hour concert at Ruthmere's Fall Concert Series opening night, October 15, 2020. A contract will be sent to the winner, and must be signed and returned to Ruthmere on or before October 15, 2020. Winner should play the same selection(s) as in the Finals round, plus additional material of the winner's choice.
13. Winner will be required to fill out a W-9 form in order to receive \$1,000.00 prize. Prize will be issued in the form of a check on the night of the October 15, 2020, performance.
14. Second- and third-place prizes of \$300 and \$200, respectively, will be awarded in addition to the travel stipend. Checks will be mailed to the second- and third-place winners shortly after the competition.
15. Ruthmere employees, contest judges, and their families are prohibited from entering.

16. Performances will be judged by a panel of three qualified judges. Judges' decisions are final.
17. For questions regarding any aspect of the competition, please contact Mark Doddington at mdoddington@ruthmere.org or (574) 264-0330, ext. 107.