
Judy Leonard Memorial Student Excellence Scholarship Competition

DATE AND PLACE

Sunday, May 16, 2010, 5:00 pm
Woman's Club of Arlington

POSTMARK DEADLINE

March 20, 2010

CHAIRMAN

Julee An

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

Two memorized pieces from different periods.

FEE

None

AWARD

Up to \$800

ELIGIBILITY

Open to students of any instrument who have financial need and whose teachers consider them to be dedicated students, but not necessarily competitive at the highest level. MusicLink students automatically qualify, but students who enter the Healy/Ford Scholarship Competition are not eligible for this scholarship. Participants must have studied with their current teacher for the 6 months preceding the event, and the teacher must be an active member of NVMTA (as defined in the by-laws). Applicants should send the Parents' Form, and requested financial documents directly to the chair. All documents are strictly confidential and for competition use only. None of the information on the application will be shared with applicants' teachers.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Forms to be completed by the student, parents, and teacher may be found on this website. Mail the forms to: Julee An, 3001 Park Center Dr #820, Alexandria VA 22302

DEDICATION

Judy Leonard founded the Staccato Smiles Piano Studio in 1967 in Petaluma, California after graduating from The Juilliard School as a student of Brooks Smith, renowned accompanist of Jascha Heifetz. Born in Cleveland Ohio, she began piano lessons with Mary Williams Rautenberg at seven years of age performing her first full length recital two years later. Incredibly musical and possessing perfect pitch, improvisation and playing by ear came easily to her. Her love of music extended beyond the piano to flute, organ and voice making her an excellent church musician, a profession she loved and served well throughout her life. She moved to the Washington metropolitan area in 1970, eventually settling in Reston, Virginia which became her home for the next 38 years. A member of Northern Virginia Music Teachers, Virginia Music Teachers Association, Music Teachers National Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, and The Friday Morning Music Club, her students performed and competed frequently in competitive and non-competitive events in addition to community outreaches at retirement communities. A hallmark of her pedagogical style was her ability to inspire each student in a unique way, helping them find the style of music that spoke to them. She was open to other instrument choices as well, offering to accompany them for events and encouraging composition on all levels. She had a true gift and passion for teaching, a trait she passed on to her three children, Lisa, Brock and Lindsay who have collectively served on pre-school, intermediate, high school and collegiate faculties. Her eldest daughter Lisa followed in her footsteps becoming a successful concert pianist and professor of piano at Lynn University. Judy's family knows she would be deeply honored to be able to support the musical dreams and development of young pianists with this scholarship.

Scholarship winners will be required to write a letter to the family of Judy Leonard, at the end of the academic year, reporting on their repertoire and progress in their music studies.