



2008 International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition

The **International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition** is open to student, amateur and professional ensembles of all ages and nationalities. The Chamber Ensembles will compete with each other in their respective age groups and music categories.

The Chamber Ensemble Categories include:

- Sonata Duo
- Piano Duo (1 Piano, 4 hands)
- Piano Trio
- Piano Quartet/Piano Quintet
- Ensembles with Winds
- String Ensembles
- Jazz & Folk Ensembles
- Vocal Chamber Groups
- Baroque Ensembles

Age Groups:

- Group I Age 13 and younger
- Group II Age 14 to 17
- Group III Age 18 to 22
- Group IV Age 23 to 29
- Group V Age 30 and older

Ensemble's Age Group is determined by the age of its oldest member on March 15, 2008.

Repertoire

An audition piece must consist of a single composition or a movement of a composition not exceeding 15 minutes in length. The same piece will be performed at a winner's concert if a prize is awarded.

Competition Rules and Audition Process

- Each participating Chamber Music Ensemble should submit an application in both electronic form and paper form. Electronic form in MS Word, RTF and TXT format is available at <http://www.cmfone.org/forms.htm> site.

An application form should be postmarked by March 15, 2008.

Audition Dates:

Sunday, April 13th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Boston MA¹.

Sunday, April 20th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Boston MA.

Sunday, April 27th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Boston MA.

International and out of New England Chamber Music Ensembles may submit a VHS tape or DVD² of their audition piece. The videotape or DVD should be included together with an application form and must be postmarked by March 15, 2008.

Selection Process and Awards

For New England resident chamber ensembles, the winning ensemble in each age group and category will be announced on May 11, 2008. International and out of New England Chamber Music Ensembles that are videotape audition winners will be invited to a second round live audition that will take place on May 22, 2008. The place of audition will be announced on March 15.

The **First Prize** winning ensemble in each age group and category will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment, a Gold Medal and will compete for the Grand Prize while performing in a First Prize Winners' concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, 154 West 57th Street, New York, NY on Memorial Day, May 26th 2008 at 1:30 p.m. A panel of independent judges will select the Grand Prize Winning Ensemble.

The **Grand Prize** Winning Ensemble will receive a cash prize of **\$2,500** and will be performing in the Chamber Music Foundation of New England Concert Series in 2008-2009 concert season. The cash prize will be presented to the **Grand Prize** Winning Ensemble in an award ceremony after the CMFoNE concert in the fall of 2008.

The **Second Prize** winning ensemble in each age group and category will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment, a Silver Medal and will be invited to perform in Winners' Concert at the First Church in Boston, MA on Saturday May 24th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

The **Third Prize** winning ensemble in each age group and category will receive a Certificate of Accomplishment, a Bronze Medal and will be invited to participate in the Award Ceremony at the First Church in Boston, MA on Saturday May 24th, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Judges have the right not to award a prize in any particular category and age group. Judges decisions are final.

¹ The Place of Audition will be announced on March 15, 2008.

² It will be to the contestants' advantage to send the best quality VHS tape or DVD.