

Dear Leah Park,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place with Special Honours and Distinction Plus** at the Red Maple Keyboard Competition, Intermediate, 15 - 16 years old, for Frederic Chopin, Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54.

Here are the comments from our judges:

Thank you for your beautiful performance. You played with such ease in both your sound and body movement. Your technique is solid and well-founded, and your tone is deep, colorful, and of high quality. You have a clear understanding of the style as well, keeping your listeners engaged and interested. The organization of the melody and voicing between the hands felt impeccable. You kept the form and phrasing well organized, and the musical flow was full of life and movement. The lyrical section was deep and dreamy. I especially enjoyed the warmth and calmness in your tone; there was no force in your touch, and the section felt cohesive and flowing. The rubato was always well constructed and felt natural and engaging. The build toward the culmination point also felt organic and convincing. Keep exploring a diverse harmonic palette and tone colors. I thoroughly enjoyed your performance and wish you the best of luck in your musical journey. Keep up the good work!

Please find your Certificate on the website. If you indicated that you have a teacher and/or an accompanist, their Certificates are also on the website. For your convenience all certificates are in PDF for printing and JPG for posting on social media. Please download the certificates within next two months.

We are thrilled to inform you that you are invited to perform at the Winners' Recital and the Award Ceremony that will be held at St. Andrew's Church at 73 Simcoe St., Toronto, Canada, on July 11th, 2026 (Saturday).

We will send more details regarding the registration, the exact dates, and the venue later. Please, always check your spam/junk email folder to do not miss any important information.

Please register for the recital at the following link by June 13th, 2026:

<https://www.pulsar-music.com/recitals>

Payments after the deadline will not be accepted due to the high volume of participants. Please note that the recital registration fees are not refundable and can not be substituted.

Please find your performance information below:

1. Frederic Chopin, Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54 (12 minutes 30 seconds) will be listed in the recital program as your performance repertoire. If you need to change your piece please contact us at info@pulsar-music.com no later than one month prior the event date. The repertoire change is available for an extra fee and the duration of the new piece must be no longer than the original piece duration.
2. If you need an official invitation letter from the Competition to apply for the visa, you may provide this letter.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Toronto! In addition, Pulsar Music is happy to invite all Winners' Recital and Award Ceremony participants, their teachers, and family members to join us at other social events after the recital date, such as a trip to Niagara Falls and the Toronto Aquarium.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, CEO of Pulsar Music

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