

Dear Isaac Y. Xu,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **Second Place** at the Red Maple Keyboard Competition, Junior Category, 11 - 12 years old, General (Less competitive) difficulty level, for Helen Hopekirk, Air No. 3 from Suite.

Here are the comments from our judges:

*Your performance was very musical and demonstrated a great sense of touch and phrasing. As you continue to explore the piece, I recommend experimenting with the damper pedal. While the piece may require a lot of pedaling, try to use half pedal or clean the pedal slightly more to avoid too many mixed harmonies on one pedal. You build phrases very nicely, and now it's time to think about how to connect them all together to build bigger sections in the form. Consider how these bigger sections connect to each other to create the clear form of the entire piece. Overall, your work is very nice, and I encourage you to keep exploring and developing your musicality. Well done!*

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 invite you to the Award Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, on August 9th, 2023. Location: Tribute Communities Recital Hall, 83 York Blvd, North York, ON M3J 2S5 (112 Accolade East Building). The location is available on Google maps. The arrival time will be announced ten days before the recital date.

Please register for the Award Ceremony at the following link by April 8th, 2023: <https://www.pulsar-music.com/award-ceremony>

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.

Details: The Registration Fee includes admission to the hall, one set of a trophy, a certificate, and a teacher's diploma, four complimentary tickets for family members to enter the recital hall, and a set of digital photos taken by a professional photographer during the Award Ceremony on the stage. You will be invited to the stage to receive your trophy and certificates, and your name will be printed in the event brochure. Please note that you will not be playing on the stage.

In addition, Pulsar Music is happy to invite all Award Ceremony participants, their teachers, and family members to join us at other social events after the ceremony date, such as a trip to Niagara Falls and the Toronto Aquarium on August 10th and 11th, 2023.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Rachel Mazzucco, Chief Judge

Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, Artistic Director

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