

Dear Jody Chen,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place** at the Red Maple Keyboard Competition, Junior Category, 13 - 14 years old, General (Less competitive) difficulty level, for Frederic Chopin, Etude Op. 25 No. 2.

Here are the comments from our judges:

Great technique and a very musical performance! I particularly enjoyed your use of rubato technique and the delicate touch in the etude. To take it to the next level, focus on creating even more fluency in the right hand part, keeping the melody line flying and expressive throughout. Remember that the melody line is built from every tiny short note in the texture, so each note should be treated with the same level of expression. Consider adding more sound to your left hand part to provide a solid base and achieve a greater sense of momentum for the right hand to build upon. Keep up the great 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 posing on social media. Please download the certificates within next two months.

We are delighted to inform you that you are invited to perform at the Winners' Recital and the Award Ceremony that will be held in Toronto, Canada, on August 9th, 2023. The recital arrival time will be announced ten days before the recital date.

Location: Tribute Communities Recital Hall, 83 York Blvd, North York, ON M3J 2S5 (112 Accolade East Building). The location is available on Google maps.

Please register for the recital at the following link by April 8th, 2023: <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, Etude Op. 25 No. 2 (1 minute 50 seconds) will be listed in the recital program as your performance repertoire. Please note that changes to the performance piece are not allowed under any circumstances.
2. Let us know if you need an official invitation letter from the Competition to apply for the visa. The letter may be provided to you after you complete the registration for the recital.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Toronto in August! 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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