

Dear Nguyen Luong Tue Lam,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place with Special Honours** at the Red Maple Strings Competition, Young Musicians Category, 9 - 10 years old, for Dmitry Shostakovich, Valse de Printemps in C Major and Petite Dance in D Major.

Here are the comments from our judges:

Thank you for your performance of these two beautiful dances. It was clear that you truly enjoyed playing both pieces, which added warmth and energy to your interpretation. In Petite Dance, you captured a lovely character, with a perfect tempo and a well-maintained pulse throughout. To enhance your interpretation even further, try exploring a wider range of sounds and incorporating more dynamic contrast. In Valse, the balance between your hands was excellent. Your melody flowed beautifully, with well-shaped phrasing. To refine it even more, ensure that the accompaniment remains consistently softer than the melody, allowing it to support the movement without overshadowing the main line. The lightness in the ending and the articulation were particularly well-suited to the character of the piece. This was a very nice performance—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 in Toronto, Canada, in Summer, 2025.

The Winners' Recital and Award Ceremony will take place on July 12, 2025 (Saturday) at St. Andrew's Church in downtown Toronto, located at 73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9. The event will be held during the first half of the day. The exact time of your arrival will be announced two weeks before the recital date. 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 March 11, 2025:

<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. Dmitry Shostakovich, Valse de Printemps in C Major (1 minute 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.
3. The competition does not provide a piano accompanist. If you bring your own accompanist, please, send us the name of your accompanist, so we can add him/her to our backstage security list. If you need a local piano accompanist, please let us know. However, it will be your responsibility to contact the accompanist and make all the arrangements. If your accompanist doesn't show up for the performance, you will not be allowed onto the stage.

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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