

Dear Ilari Shyti,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place with Special Honours** at the Royal Sound Keyboard Competition, Intermediate, 15 - 16 years old, for Manuel Ponce, Intermezzo No. 1.

Here are the comments from our judges:

Thank you for the performance of such an elegant piece by Manuel Ponce. You produced a beautiful tone and gave a very expressive performance. The voicing of the hidden layers within the texture was very well executed, and the tone was full of colors and of very good quality. The form sounded natural and well constructed. However, I would recommend maintaining a little more forward motion in some phrases, particularly when building toward the culmination. In a few places, the narrative flow felt slightly restrained, which made the culmination somewhat less significant. Allowing the melodic line to develop with a stronger sense of direction would help create a more natural progression toward these important moments and give them greater impact. Overall, this was a very good and musically thoughtful performance. Thank you for sharing your interpretation, and I wish you continued success on your piano learning journey.

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 10th, 2027 (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 August 23rd, 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. Manuel Ponce, Intermezzo No. 1 (4 minutes) 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

Royal Sound Music Competition

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

Email: info@pulsar-music.com

Royal Sound Music Competition is a service offered by Pulsar Music Inc., Ontario, Canada. All rights reserved, 2019-.