Dear Noah Altschuler,

Congratulations! We are delighted to inform you that you are awarded **First Place** at the Star Cluster Keyboard Competition, Intermediate, 15 - 16 years old, Advanced (Highly competitive) difficulty level, for Frederic Chopin, Ballade in G Minor, Op. 23.

Here are the comments from our judges:
Absolutely gorgeous performance! You are very musical and have great piano technique. The form flows effortlessly, and you know how to build tension throughout the entire piece. Try to explore pedalling more; it felt a little too overlapping in some places. I recommend cleaning it a bit more frequently or trying the half-pedal. Bravo!

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 February 22nd, 2023:
https://www.royal-sound-music-competition.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, Ballade in G Minor, Op. 23 (9 minutes 18 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! Pulsar Music is happy to invite all recital participants, their teachers, and family members to join us at other social events after the recital date.

Sincerely,
Professor Maria Rybina-Skorobogatova, Chief Judge

Dr. Ekaterina Paniukova, Artistic Director

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