



Guidelines for the Youth Concerts and Gifted Young People's Concerts

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There are two informal **Youth Concerts NY** each year held in New York City, one on a Sunday in November or December, and one in late spring (look for all these events on the calendar you receive in the fall, and on the web site calendar: www.leschetizky.org). Each teacher may submit 2 students, ages 5 to 18, for these concerts. If the concert is not filled one week before the event, a third student may be submitted. There is a fee of \$30 for each student. Please contact **Benita Meshulam** at benitameshulam@gmail.com or 917-612-1342 to enroll your students.

For teachers who are active in New Jersey, the **Youth Concerts NJ** for gifted young pianists are held in Leshowitz Recital Hall at Montclair State University's John J. Cali School of Music, 1 Normal Ave, Upper Montclair, NJ. These concerts are held consecutively on a Sunday in early spring, one for each age group. There is a fee per student of \$30. Teachers should contact **Mark Pakman** at 212-928-8590 or pakmanm@mail.montclair.edu to enroll their students.

- *Pre-teens may perform up to 5 minutes total—up to three pieces or movements, omitting repeats if necessary.*
- *Teens may perform up to 8 minutes total—1 or 2 pieces or movements, with repeats omitted if necessary.*
- *Teachers may submit 3 students, with no more than 2 in one age category.*

The adjudicated **Gifted Young People's Concerts** are held consecutively on a Sunday in February, one concert for each age group: Pre-teens (ages 5-12), Early Teens (ages 13-15), and Late Teens (ages 16-18).

Teachers may submit 3 students, with no more than 2 in one age category. The fee per student is \$30. Teachers are strongly advised to give their students the opportunity to perform in the Youth Concerts described above, as preparation for the Gifted Young People's Concerts. Teachers should mail their submissions to **Alison Thomas**, 880 West 181st Street, Apt. 3H, New York, NY, 10033, or send via email to alison.thomas@verizon.net.

- *Please include the full title of each piece, with opus number, key, tempo markings for movements.*
- *Deadline for submitting students: two weeks before the concert date.*
- *Preteens may perform up to 5 minutes total, early teens up to 8 minutes, late teens up to 10 minutes.*
- *No adults may perform with students, and students must perform from memory.*
- *Students must be properly dressed (no jeans, sneakers, etc.).*

Please do not call the event chairman or the judges after the concerts. You will be notified promptly if your student has been selected to perform on the **Annual Awards Concert**, held at Tenri Cultural Institute, 43A West 13th Street, New York City, usually the following Sunday.

Only teachers who are members of the Leschetizky Association may present students at these events. Dues are \$50 per year. Lifetime memberships are for a limited time available for \$500, or three years pay-in-advance for \$135. An application form can be downloaded from our web site: www.leschetizky.org.

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