



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 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, age 18 and younger, for these concerts. Preteens may play up to 5 minutes, students 13-15 up to 8 minutes, 16-18 up to 10 minutes. If the concert is not filled one week before the event, a third student may be included on the concert. There is a fee of \$30 (\$20 for Zoom events) for each student. Please contact **Delana Thomsen** at dkthomsen@me.com to enroll your students. There is a new, easy-to-use form available on the web site, along with a Paypal option for fee payment. If you prefer, you may send a check, made out to The Leschetizky Association, to Young Drago, at 37-21 90th Street #2R, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.

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 (\$20 for Zoom events). Teachers should contact **Mark Pakman** at 212-928-8590 or pakmanm@montclair.edu to enroll their students. You may also use the enrollment form on the web site under Student Events, and the PayPal button there.

- *Preteens 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 (\$20 for Zoom events). 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 use the new form on the website, under Student Events, or email alison.thomas109@gmail.com.

- *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, unless playing duets, or with prior permission of the director (special repertoire only will qualify for permission).*
- *Students must be properly dressed for a concert (no jeans, sneakers, etc.).*

Please do not call the event chairman or the judges after the concerts. The decision of the judges is final. 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 you may choose the three years pay-in-advance option for \$135.

See the Membership tab on our web site.