

The 2020 - 2021 J. D. Kelly Strings Competition (Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass)

This annual piano competition for pre-college students, honoring Dr. J. D. Kelly, Professor Emeritus, Arkansas State University, had traditionally been held during the A-State Summer Piano Festival since 2011. It is now a separate event, and is open to pre-college as well as undergraduate collegiate students. We were happy to begin including events for string students several years ago.

Many Thanks to our 2020 - 2021 COMPETITION SPONSORS:

**Dr. J.D. Kelly; Michael, Kaye, and Holly Farrah; Dr. Chris Thompson
Music Teachers Association of the Delta; Other generous individuals**

To make a donation to the 2020-21 Competition, please click [HERE](#) or copy/paste - <http://www.paypal.me/MTADelta>
(PayPal account is required)

If you prefer to send us a check, contact Dr. Lauren Schack Clark,
Arkansas State University Department of Music, PO Box 799, State University, AR, 72467
Make checks payable to "MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF THE DELTA"

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Deadline: 11:59 PM on 11/1/2020
- Application Fee: \$40
- Please find the online application [HERE](#). (or copy/paste - <https://forms.gle/sQJYceEtJ6NERn2R6>)
- Shortly after your online application submission, you will receive a PayPal invoice where you can pay the application fee (no PayPal account required). Application fee is due in five (5) business days after issuance of the invoice.
- Please note that your application is not complete until we receive your online application AND the application fee.

COMPETITION RULES

- Due to the pandemic, this year's competition will be judged via video submissions.
- First and Second Prize Winners from previous years are not eligible to compete again unless you are competing in a different level this year.
- There are five levels, with first four determined by grades in school:

Level 1: Grades 1-3

Level 2: Grades 4-6

Level 3: Grades 7-9

Level 4: Grades 10-12

Level 5: Collegiate Undergraduate, through age 24 (please email proof of age and school status to J.D.KellyCompetitions@gmail.com)

- Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation which may be printed out.
- Each entrant will also receive Comments Sheets from three judges.
- Winners will be notified by December 15, 2020.

VIDEO SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

After your recordings are finished, upload them as an “unlisted” video on YouTube, using the instructions below.

Video Format: YouTube accepts any of the following video formats: .MO, .MPEG4, MP4, .AVI, .WMV, .MPEGPS, .FLV, 3GPP and WebM.

- a. Record and upload each piece separately.
- b. Go to www.youtube.com and sign in. If you don't already have an account, create one.
- c. Click the “UPLOAD” button at the top.
- d. Either click on the “Select files to upload” box and select your video file from your device or drag/drop your video file into the box.
- e. In the “Basic Info” screen, enter the appropriate title with the Student's Name in the box where the filename appears.
- f. In the box below the title, enter the names of the pieces and the composer's name, in the order of performed.
- g. Change the visibility setting from “Public” to “Unlisted” and click “Done.”
- h. Click “Save.”

By submitting the video links, you are granting consent for these videos to be viewed by an adjudicator for evaluation purposes.

COMPETITION REPERTOIRE

*Piano accompaniment is optional and will not have any bearing either way on the result.

Level 1-4: One work of applicant's choice.

Level 5: A fast movement of a major concerto OR a virtuosic piece.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS AT EACH LEVEL

- Each contestant will receive a Certificate for Participation.
- Ties in each category are possible. In the event of a tie, each student will receive the appropriate prize money divided equally among the winners.
- Any number of Honorable Mentions may be named in each category.

Level 1

1st Prize: \$50

2nd Prize: \$25

Honorable Mention: Certificate

Level 2

1st Prize: \$75

2nd Prize: \$50

Honorable Mention: Certificate

Level 3

1st Prize: \$150

2nd Prize: \$100

Honorable Mention: Certificate

Level 4

*1st Prize: \$200

2nd Prize: \$150

Honorable Mention: Certificate

Level 5

**1st Prize: \$200

2nd Prize: \$150

Honorable Mention: Certificate

*For students graduating high school in 2021: Opportunity for String Scholarships at A-State for entrance in Fall 2021, with preference to those majoring in music.

**For students graduating college in Fall 2020 or Spring/Summer 2021: Possibility for a Graduate Assistantship at A-State for entrance in Fall 2021, for those majoring String Performance or Music Education with Strings as the major instrument).

OPTIONAL ONLINE LESSONS WITH A-STATE FACULTY

- Students participating in the competition may also elect to perform in a 30-minute online lessons with piano faculty members at Arkansas State University.
- An additional fee of \$20.00 will be applied on the invoice.