

Arkansas State University Department of Music Presents

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

October, 31, 2021, Riceland Hall, Fowler Center

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 10/10/2021 for application and Video Round YouTube links (see next page).
- Students will be notified about acceptance to the live round by 10/13/2021.
- Application Fee: \$40
- Please find the online application [HERE](#). (or copy/paste - <https://forms.gle/3XESxVoExLXPwu3s9>)
- 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

- 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 1-2
 - 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 advancing to the Final Live Round will receive a Medal of Participation.
- Each entrant will also receive Comments Sheets from three judges.
- Winners will also receive Trophies or Medals.

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 on the result.

*Repertoire for the Video Round and Final Round can be identical.

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

- 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 2022: Opportunity for String Scholarships at A-State for entrance in Fall 2022, with preference to those majoring in music.

**For students graduating college in Fall 2021 or Spring/Summer 2022: Possibility for a Graduate Assistantship at A-State for entrance in Fall 2022, for those majoring String Performance or Music Education with Strings as the major instrument.

OPTIONAL IN-PERSON MASTER CLASS ON NOV. 6

- Students may elect to schedule a master class with string faculty members at Arkansas State University, on Oct. 31, 2021.
- An additional fee of \$10.00 will be applied on the invoice.

OPTIONAL ONLINE LESSONS WITH A-STATE FACULTY

- Students may elect to schedule a 30-minute online lesson with string faculty members at Arkansas State University, whether they participate in the competition or not.
- An additional fee of \$20.00 will be applied on the invoice.