



The 2017 Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Competition for Young Harpists Presented by the Bay Area Chapter of the American Harp Society

The Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Competition will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. The Winners' Recital will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2017 at 3:00pm at the San Damiano Retreat in Danville, CA.

To qualify you must:

1. be 25 years of age or under as of June 1, 2017
2. reside in the Western Region (Northern California and Nevada zip codes 93600 through 96199)
3. be a member of the American Harp Society (AHS)—join or renew at harpociety.org
4. be a member of the Bay Area Chapter of the American Harp Society (BACAHS)—join or renew at bacharp.org/membership
5. Submit your completed application on or before May 1, 2017

The application process requires:

- payment a \$40 application fee
- submission of a letter of recommendation from a teacher or professional harpist
- submission of a one paragraph student bio

Apply online at bacharp.org/competitions

Participants will perform two or three pieces each by memory. A full explanation with the repertoire list follows on page 2.

Participants must:

- bring their own harp to the competition and to the winners' recital
- bring three copies of their chosen music for the judges

No substitutions will be accepted for the required pieces.

The decisions of the jury will be final.

Directions and other audition details will be provided closer to the Competition date. If you have any other questions, contact [Alice Yothers](mailto:aeyothers@gmail.com) at aeyothers@gmail.com.

General Prizes:

Preliminary: Gold \$100 – Silver \$75 – Bronze \$50

Level 1: Gold \$150 – Silver \$100 – Bronze \$75

Level 2: Gold \$200 – Silver \$150 – Bronze \$100

Level 3: Gold \$250 – Silver \$200 – Bronze \$150

Level 4: Gold \$300 – Silver \$250 – Bronze \$200

Special MusicWorks-Harp Editions Prize:

Preliminary division: \$50

Level 1: \$50

Level 2: \$75

Level 3: \$75

Level 4: \$100

Special Harpiana Prize:

Preliminary division: \$50

Level 1: \$50

Level 2: \$75

Level 3: \$75

Level 4: \$100

CATEGORIES/REPERTOIRE: according to maximum age on **June 1, 2017**

Please refer to the explanations below in regards to the symbols used. Five prizes can be won at each level: three general prizes (Gold, Silver and Bronze), as well as the special MusicWorks-Harp Editions and Harpiana Prizes.

The contestant may play two or three pieces. One or two pieces must come from Category 1 and one must be a free choice selection (see Category 2). Any of the pieces in Category 1 may be used for the free choice if desired.

Preliminary division: up to and including age 9

1. Choose one from the following (all playable on lever harp):
 - The See-Saw by Grandjany, from *Little Harp Book*
 - ○ Rêverie by Susann McDonald from *Graded Recital Pieces, Harp Solos Vol. 1*
 - *Wiegenliedchen by Poenitz, from *Drei leichte Stücke*, no. 3 (Harpiana)
2. One free choice, max. length 3 minutes

Level 1: up to and including age 12

1. Choose one or two from the following:
 - + Au bord du ruisseau by Henriette Renié for pedal harp, from *Six Pieces (First Suite)*, or Ground in F with Variations by Purcell (L. Thomson - Salvi ed.) for non-pedal harp
 - ○ Two Guitars by Linda Wood Rollo, from *Graded Recital Pieces: Harp Solos Vol. 4*
 - *Morceau facile in F, op. 10, no. 2 by Alfred Kastner, for pedal or non-pedal harp (Harpiana)
2. One free choice, max. 5 minutes

Level 2: up to and including age 15

1. Choose one or two from the following:
 - + Any one Sonatina from Six Sonatinas by Dussek (any edition)
 - ○ Romance Without Words (Bois solitaire) by Godefroid (S. McDonald edition)
 - *Pensée mélodique by Sibelius, ed. D. Piana, from *Pastels* (Harpiana)
2. One free choice, max. 5 minutes

Level 3: up to and including age 18

1. Choose one or two from the following:
 - + Pavane et Bransles by Francisque/Grandjany
 - ○ Malagueña (Recuerdos de Viaje) by Albeniz, from *Spanish Music for the Harp, Vol. 2*, McDonald/Wood
 - *Berceuse (first version) by Liszt, from vol. 3 of Liszt collection, *Lyric Reflections* (Harpiana)
2. One free choice, max. 8 minutes

Level 4: up to and including age 25

1. Choose one or two of the following:
 - + One Sonata by Haydn, from Hob. XVI, either in D major (24) or C major (35) or A-flat major (43) or G minor (44)
 - ○ Nocturne by Pittaluga, from *Spanish Music for the Harp, Vol. 4*, ed. by S. McDonald and L. Wood Rollo
 - * Le Sylphe by Oberthür (Harpiana)
2. One free choice, max. 10 minutes

+ Selection from the repertoire for the AHS National Competition

○ Special MusicWorks-Harp Editions Prize donated by Linda Wood Rollo & Susann McDonald

* Special Harpiana Prize donated by Dominique Piana

All music available from Harps, Etc. www.harpsetc.com; Harpiana repertoire also available from harpiana.com