

The 2023 Yvonne La Mothe Schwager Competition for Young Harpists
Presented by the Bay Area Chapter of the American Harp Society

We are happy to announce that we plan to have an in-person competition this year. Competition BACHAS is also offering financial assistance for the application fee, available to those who have a demonstrable need.

To qualify you must:

1. be 25 years of age or under as of May 21, 2023
2. reside in Northern California
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, 2023
6. Perform your piece for the competition jury in-person on May 21, 2023 at Crowden (1475 Rose St., Berkeley)

The application process requires:

- payment of the nonrefundable \$40 application fee (contact bacahs@gmail.com to apply for financial assistance)
- submission of the application form by May 1, 2023

Apply online at bacharp.org/competitions

Participants will perform one piece from the repertoire list in their chosen level. Pieces must be performed from memory. No repertoire substitutions will be accepted. The decisions of the jury will be final.

Once the application deadline has passed, students will receive their competition time slot. Students ***MUST*** be available for the full day on May 21st. We are not able to honor any requests for a specific competition time.

If you have any questions, contact bacahs@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: \$100

Level 4: \$125

Special Harpiana Prize:

Preliminary division: \$50

Level 1: \$50

Level 2: \$75

Level 3: \$100

Level 4: \$125

Salzedo Prize: \$100

One prize given for best overall performance of a listed Salzedo composition in the level at which the contestant is competing. Eligible for levels 1-4 only (preliminary level NOT-eligible.)

Pop Prize: \$100

One prize given for best overall performance of a listed pop piece in the level at which the contestant is competing.

CATEGORIES/REPERTOIRE: according to maximum age on May 21, 2023

Up to six prizes can be won at each level: three general prizes (Gold, Silver and Bronze), as well as the special MusicWorks-Harp Editions, Harpiana Prizes, Pop, and/or Salzedo prize (Only levels 1-4 eligible for Salzedo prize)

Please note that while each level lists a maximum age for participation, there is no minimum age requirement, so younger students who play at a more advanced level may compete at a higher level.