

2019 MILDRED MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Date: Sunday March 3rd, 2019

Location: St. Luke's Presbyterian Church, 8915 Timberside Drive, Houston, TX 77025

Dear Houston Harpists:

The Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society (www.houstonharpists.com) is pleased to announce the 2019 Mildred Milligan Scholarship Competition for members of the GHC. The competition will take place on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

The main goals of this competition are educational: encouraging student growth and development by challenging harpists to prepare for an adjudicated performance and building a sense of community for Houston area harpists.

All contestants, as well as their teachers, must be members of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society. Membership application is included on the last page of the competition application.

- Students will perform before a panel of judges (without a screen). Parents, family members, teachers, and friends are permitted to listen during students' performance.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- Winners in each category will perform for the May or September meeting of the Houston Harp Chapter.
- First Place Winners in all categories will receive a cash prize. Second and Third place winners will be chosen for all categories and will receive a gift certificate to a harp retailer.
- In addition to a cash prize, the First Place Winner of the Division VI (college level) will receive a recital performance opportunity as part of the GHC's 2019-2020 season. Repertoire may include chamber music as well as solo.
- Arrival and audition time will be sent via email to all registered contestants.

To participate in the competition students must prepare from memory both a required piece, and a “free choice” piece. Division VI prepares two free choice pieces. The time limit of the free choice piece varies by division. Contestants will be judged by professional harpists. Judges will award scores in the following areas:

- Accuracy of Notes/Rhythm
- Dynamics/Phrasing
- Memory
- Tempo
- Overall Artistic Performance

It is important for competitors to select a “free choice” piece that can be performed accurately, by memory, and with the correct dynamics, phrasing, and tempo. Overall, judges will be looking for the most polished performances.

We hope that you and your students will take advantage of this exciting opportunity! Please note that the registration deadline is **February 1st, 2019**. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact me via email at hope.k.cowan@gmail.com or phone at 507-993-4969.

Sincerely,

Hope Cowan, chairman

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MUSIC REQUIREMENTS

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All pieces must be played from memory

DIVISION I
(grades 1-3) 1. **Glowing Orbs in Darkness** from **Dragons and Dinosaurs** by Reba Lunsford
2. Free Choice – 2 minute time limit

DIVISION II
(grades 4-5) 1. **Step by Step** from **First Grade Harp Pieces** by Marcel Grandjany
2. Free Choice – 4 minute time limit

DIVISION III
(grades 6-7) 1. **Concert Etude** from **Graded Recital Pieces, Vol. 1** by Susann McDonald
2. Free Choice – 5 minute time limit

DIVISION IV
(grades 8-9) 1. **Vanille** from **Epices Vol. 1** by Bernard Andres
2. Free Choice – 7 minute time limit

DIVISION V 1. **Sonatina no. II, Prelude and Mve. 1** from **Sept Sonates Progressives** by Naderman
(grades 10-12) 2. Free Choice – 7 minute time limit

DIVISION VI 1. Free Choice - 8 minute time limit (complete work or movement)
(College, up through age 24) 2. Free Choice - 8 minute time limit (contrasting work)

FIRST PLACE PRIZES: Division I-\$50
 Division II-\$75
 Division III-\$150
 Division IV- \$200
 Division V-\$250
 Division VI-\$400 and GHC 2019/20 recital performance
*All Second and Third Place winners will receive a gift certificate. All competitors receive a certificate of participation.

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RULES:

- The contestant as well as his/her teacher must both be current members of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society (AHS). Membership to the national AHS is not required.
- Music must be memorized. Repeats are optional, unless otherwise stated.
- You must present two copies and the originals of both the required piece and your free choice piece at the competition.
- Both pieces must have each measure numbered.
- If you have won first place in a category, you are not eligible to compete in that division again. However, you would be eligible to compete in a more advanced division.
- You are welcome to compete in a more advanced division than your actual grade level, but not a less advanced division.
- Contestants may be disqualified if there is any disregard to rules.
- A category deemed too large may be split into two groups—the schedule will reflect this.
- First place winners in each category will perform both required and free choice pieces for the May or September meeting of the Houston Harp Chapter. Second and Third place winners will perform their free choice piece for the May or September meeting of the Houston Harp Chapter. Equivalent pieces may substituted as needed.

DAY OF THE COMPETITION:

- Students can provide their own instruments. A pedal harp and a lever harp will be available for use if requested. Assistance in moving harps will be available.
- Please dress professionally, and bring a sweater/jacket—the building can be chilly.
- Contestants will NOT perform behind a screen.
- Contestants will be given their specific performance time after registration has closed. Please plan your arrival to allow yourself plenty of time to be tuned, warmed up, and ready to play.
- No judge will serve in a division in which they have a student.
- The decisions of the judges are final.
- Contestants will be escorted to warm-up rooms following check in. Contestants will be notified in advance when they are next to perform and then escorted into the recital hall for their performances.
- Please do not talk in the hallways. Behavior must be respectful and courteous. As in any competition, noises are distracting and inconsiderate.
- All contestants as well as family, friends, and teachers are welcome to observe performances.
- Winners will be announced following completion of each category.
- All contestants will receive a certificate and a comment sheet on their performance.

St. Luke's Presbyterian Church is located inside Loop 610, off of South Braeswood, halfway between Buffalo Speedway and Stella Link. It is right across the street from Longfellow Elementary School. The Milligan Competition will take place inside the main building.

**MILDRED MILLIGAN SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION 2019
APPLICATION FORM**

Sunday March 3rd, 2019
St. Luke's Presbyterian Church
8915 Timberside Drive
Houston, TX 77025

NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE: _____ Age as of 3/3/19: _____

GRADE: _____

TEACHER: _____

E-MAIL (required):

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY WON 1st PLACE IN THIS COMPETITION, YEAR AND
CATEGORY: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: GHC of the American Harp Society/Milligan
ENTRANCE FEE: \$15.00 **DEADLINE: February 1st, 2019**

LATE ENTRANCE FEE: \$30.00 due by February 15th, 2019

*****ALL PARTICIPANTS AS WELL AS THEIR TEACHERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE
GREATER HOUSTON CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY*****

Membership Application for GHC on following page.

PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION FEES TO:

Hope Cowan
22119 Kerryblue Dr
Katy, TX 77450
hope.k.cowan@gmail.com

Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society

www.houstonharpists.com

Application for Chapter Membership

The membership year is from September 1 to August 31

Please use ONE application per person

For the Milligan competition, if you or your teacher are not a current member of the Chapter, please complete this membership application and enclose a separate check payable to "GHC of AHS" (Greater Houston Chapter of the American Harp Society) and mail to:

Hope Cowan
22119 Kerryblue Dr
Katy, TX 77450

Questions: hope.k.cowan@gmail.com

NAME _____

MAIL ADDRESS _____ APT _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE

Cell _____ Home _____ Other _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

We encourage you to join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/127047944063>

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS (Choose One)

____ Individual \$25.00 ____ Student \$15.00 ____ Family (group of 4) \$40.00

DONATIONS (tax-deductible)

____ Milligan Competition Scholarship

____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ \$250 ____ \$500 ____ other \$ _____

____ Website

____ \$10 ____ \$25 ____ other \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

CLASSIFICATION: ____ Student ____ Teacher