

## A letter to Teachers and Parents

Dear Teachers and Parents,

Due to the current outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), we follow the guideline of both World Health Organization (WHO) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As everyone expected and wished, the committee of the 2020 Washington Universal Piano Competition has decided to postpone the Final Round and Winner Performance Recital.

We are currently working proactively and collectively with The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center to reschedule the performance day after September 2020. By considering lot of contestants are from out of state, the Final Round will still be scheduled on Saturday with the following winner performance recital on Sunday.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our daily life in many ways and will most likely continue to do so in next few weeks or months. In order to holding a peaceful mind of preparing the competition, we decide to extend application deadline and video submission deadline to Sep 1st,2020. With being that said, the category of the applicant is determined by his/her age on the application deadline of Sep 1st,2020.

Our goal is to provide all the performers the best competition experience, so Universal Music Studio WILL NOT make the final round as an online competition. Offering all the winners to perform at Gildenhorn Recital Hall and total prize of \$2050 WILL NOT be changed due to any given reason.

(1) If the age of the contestant upgrades to another group, please let us know. But you do not need to pay extra application fee due to this change. (2) We will send out a few confirmation emails to the contestants who are qualified for the Final Round in the next 2 weeks. If you don't receive email from us, you could either submit the video again by Sep 1st, 2020 or ask us for the details.

We wish all of you the best and please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any question.

Thank you!

Best Regards, Ethan Han President

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