



# Houston Classical Guitar Festival & Competition 2019

## Rules for Competition

**St Philip Presbyterian Church**  
**June 10-June 15, 2019**

### **There are 5 divisions:**

- Artist Division
- Community College/Freshmen & Sophomores of 4-Year Colleges Division
- High School Division
- Middle School Division
- Small Ensemble Division

### **Artist Division**

This is our highest-level competition for aspiring solo guitarists on the verge of developing their careers.

#### **Who can compete:**

- There is no age limit.
- Competitors cannot be under management.
- First place winners of the “Classical Minds” competition from 2016 or earlier are welcome to compete at HCGF.
- No GFA 1st place prize winners, please.

#### **Repertoire:**

- No required works.  
All rounds are free choice.
- Guitarists can compete with their own compositions.  
Must play at least one work by a different composer in each round.
- Pieces can be repeated in each round.

#### **First Round:**

- YouTube submission only.  
**Video links due by midnight, May 1, 2019**
- Videos should contain 2 works in a contrasting style.  
10 minutes max program. Videos will not be judged past the 10 min time.
- All videos must be submitted by May 1st by midnight.
- Submit via email to \_\_\_\_\_ .com.  
One email per competitor—BOTH links in ONE email if two different videos.

### **Semi-Final Round:**

- **Friday, June 14, 2019 Beginning @ 10 am**
- Top 8-10 will be chosen at the judges' discretion to compete in person at HCGF.  
Not open to the public.  
15 minutes max program.  
Must perform 2 or more works in a contrasting style.
- Competitors will be stopped at 15 minutes with no detriment to their score.

### **Final Round:**

- **Saturday, June 15, 2019 @ 1:30 pm**
- 3-4 Finalists will be chosen at the judges' discretion to perform in a final concert open to the public.  
20 minutes max program.  
Must perform 2 or more works in a contrasting style.
- Competitors will be stopped at 20 minutes with no detriment to their score.

**Fee:** \$125

### **Prizes:**

- 1st Place:** \$2,000 & a return week long engagement at HCGF 2020; strings & accessories
- 2nd Place:** \$1,000; strings & accessories
- 3rd Place:** \$600; strings & accessories
- 4th Place:** \$400; strings

## **Community College/Freshmen & Sophomores of 4-Year Colleges Division**

### **Who can compete:**

- Students currently enrolled in a Community College guitar program.
- Students who have recently graduated in the Spring of 2019.
- Students who are freshmen or sophomores in an undergraduate program.
- Students may not compete in both the Artist Division & the Community College Division.

### **Repertoire:**

- All rounds are free choice.
- No required works.

### **One Round Only (Concert Style):**

- **Wednesday, June 12, 2019 @ 4 pm**
- All competitors compete in a concert with a 10-12 minutes max program.
- Competitors will be stopped at 12 minutes with no detriment to their score.  
Top 3 winners will be awarded prizes.

**Fee:** \$50.

Students enrolled for the full festival pay only \$20.

**Prizes:**

**1st Place:** \$500; accessories

**2nd Place:** \$250; accessories

**3rd Place:** \$150; accessories

## High School Division

**Who can compete:**

- Students currently enrolled in High School (or the homeschooling equivalent).
- Students who have recently graduated in the Spring of 2019.
- High School Division competitors must sign up for the full week festival.

**Repertoire:**

- All rounds are free choice.
- No required works.

**One Round Only (Concert Style):**

- Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 4 pm**
- All competitors compete in a concert with a 10-minute program.
- At least 2 contrasting pieces.
- Competitors can play less than 10 mins.
- Competitors will be stopped at 10 minutes with no detriment to their score.

**Fee:** \$20

All High School Division competitors must enroll in the full week festival.

**Prizes:**

**1st Place:** FREE Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate, accessories

**2nd Place:** 75% Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate, accessories

**3rd Place:** 50% Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate, accessories

## Middle School Division

**Who can compete:**

- Students currently enrolled in Middle School (or the homeschooling equivalent).
- Recent graduates from Spring 2019 who are about to enter high school.
- ALL Middle School Division competitors must enroll for the full week of the festival.

**Repertoire:**

- All rounds are free choice.
- No required works.

**One Round Only:**

- **Tuesday, June 11, 2019 @ 4 pm**
- 7 minutes max program.
- At least 2 contrasting pieces.
- Competitors can play less than 7 minutes.
- Competitors will be stopped at 7 minutes with no detriment to their score.

**Fee:** \$20

All competitors must sign up for full festival.

**Prizes:**

**1st Place:** FREE Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate; accessories

**2nd Place:** 75% Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate; accessories

**3rd Place:** 50% Tuition award for Full 2020 Festival. Certificate; accessories

## Small Ensemble Division

**Who Can Compete:**

- Open to all ensembles that contain classical guitar.
  - This can be duos, trios, quartets, & any configuration with a max of 8 people.
- There is no age limit.
- No competitors under management.

**First Round:**

- YouTube submission.
  - Videos due May 1, 2019 midnight**
- 2 pieces in contrasting styles.
- 10-12 minutes max.
- Submission: May 1st midnight deadline.
- Submit via email to \_\_\_\_\_ .com.

One email per competitor—BOTH links in ONE email if two different videos.

**Final Round (Concert Style):**

- **Friday, June 14, 2019 Beginning @ 10 am**
- 3-4 Finalists will be chosen to compete in a final concert.
- Max 20-minute program.
- Competitors can play less than 20 minutes.
- Competitors will be stopped at 20 minutes with no detriment to their score.

**Fee:** \$50 per person

**Prizes:**

**1st Place:** \$800

**2nd Place:** \$500

**3rd Place:** \$250