

**ELLIS COMPETITION FOR DUO PIANISTS
APPLICATION FORM & RULES**

#CA 7-3

1ST PRIZE - \$10,000
2ND PRIZE – DEAN VAN ROY AWARD - \$5,000
ABILD AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD - \$1,000
(for best performance of American Music)

The National Federation of Music Clubs will serve as a promotional agent in securing concerts for the Ellis winners following the competition.

DUO TEAM NAME _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

TELEPHONE _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (schools, degrees, teachers, etc., with dates): _____

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (concerts, recitals with dates): _____

SCHOOLS, AWARDS and/or GRANTS RECEIVED: _____

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Rules of Competition

I. Preliminaries

1. Preliminary judging will be by CD to be sent to auditions chairman.
2. CD's must be postmarked by *October 1, 2008*.
3. Age Limits: 18 - 38 (Entrants must have reached their 18th birthday, and not their 39th by *March 1, 2007*).
4. There must be NO verbal identification of the team on the cassette. Such identification will disqualify the tapes.

II. Finals

1. Final auditions will be live at Converse College in Spartanburg SC in the spring of 2009 (date to be announced).
2. Pianos will be available for rehearsal beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday before the competition.
3. All entrants will receive official notification of the results of the preliminary judging by *December 1, 2008*.
4. Finalists may provide their own orchestral accompanists for the concerti; or, upon request, a professional accompanist will be provided.
5. Contestants not bringing their accompanist for the concerti must send a piano reduction of the orchestral part (for a 3rd piano) to the auditions chairman upon acceptance in the finals.
6. The finals for those teams providing their own accompanists will be heard at the beginning of the competition.
7. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the close of the competition.
8. Decisions of the judges will be final.

APPLICATIONS:

1. Each entrant must submit an application.
2. All applications must be accompanied by:
 - An entrance fee of \$50 per duo-team
 - Proof of American citizenship (copy of birth certificate OR naturalization papers of **each** entrant)
 - Statement that entrants are not under professional management as a team
 - A small photograph of each entrant.
3. *Deadline: All completed applications and CD's must be postmarked by October 1, 2008.*

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Mail application forms, applications fee of \$50 (per duo-team), audiocassette, proof of citizenship, etc. to:

Mrs. Kenneth Cribb, Auditions Chairman
NFMC Ellis Competition for Duo-Pianists
533 Palmetto Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302
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