**COMPETITION**

— Repertoire —

**Elliis Competition for Duo Pianists**

**PRELIMINARY:** (on a high-quality, unedited recording) and **FINAL:** (live)

- A work written by an American composer OR *Tableau* by Benjamin Lees (Commissioned by NFMC)
- A minimum of three additional works of contrasting styles and periods. Single movements of larger works are acceptable. One piece must be for one piano, four hands.
- A complete concerto of the contestant’s choice.
- All works should be written originally for one or two pianos; or, they must be transcribed by the composer.
- All repertoire must be memorized.

*No changes in repertoire between Preliminary and Final will be allowed.*

**SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BY FEBRUARY 1, 2019:**

- Completed application form
- Entrance fee of $50.00 per team
- Statement that the entrants are not now and have never been under professional management as a team
- A professional quality recording
- A cover page including title, composer, and timing of each movement of all pieces recorded
- Copy of birth certificate or naturalization papers

**AWARDS**

1st PRIZE: $20,000 (duo team)

2nd PRIZE: $4,000 (duo team)

Abild American Music Award: $1,000 (for the best performance of American music)
ENTRY DEADLINE: February 1, 2019

APPLICATION

Each entrant must submit the application available online at nfmc-music.org/applicant-file-upload. The complete application will include the performance uploaded to the website.

All awards are at the discretion of judges and the Ellis Competition Committee.

Preliminary will be held by recorded performance, uploaded to the NFMC website. The recording must clearly show that all repertoire is performed from memory.

Final will be held live March 29-30, 2019 on the campus of Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi, with the winners invited to perform in concert at the 2019 NFMC Biennial Convention to be held in Jacksonville, Florida.

ELLIS COMPETITION COMMITTEE: Debbie Barnes, Karen Bourne, Francis Christmann, Harriet Coker, Susie Cook, Lee Ann Cummings, Carole Flatau, Cecil Fox, Karen Herndon, Barbara Hildebrand, Lori Jessen, Ann Kay, Dr. Ouida Keck Elaine Knight, Carolyn Nelson, Frances Nelson, Savannah Turner

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2017-19 Ellis Duo Winners
Eric Tran and Nathan Cheung (Happy Dog Duo) performed at the NFMC 2017 Biennial Convention in Dayton, Ohio.