

NFMC PRESENTS



ELLIS COMPETITION — *for* — DUO PIANISTS

AWARDS

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

2nd PRIZE: \$5,000 (duo team)

ABILD AMERICAN MUSIC AWARD: \$1,000

(the the best performance of American music)



RECTOR-HONG PIANO DUO
SYLVIA HONG &
MICHAEL RECTOR

2021 ELLIS DUO WINNERS

COMPETITION — PROCEDURES —

COMPETITION

- Competition judging will be by YouTube video submitted to the NFMC website.
- Application must be submitted by March 1, 2027.
- Age eligibility: must have reached 18th, but not 39th birthday by June 1, 2027.
- No verbal communication of the team on the submitted recording
- All entrants will receive official notification of results by April 1, 2027.

AWARDS

- First Place: \$20,000, Showcase Recital, two years of NFMC Booking Engagements. Winners must attend the Showcase Recital to receive the award.
- Second Place: \$5,000. Awarded via mail.
- Abild American Music Award: \$1,000 for best performance of American music

SHOWCASE RECITAL

- First Place Winners will perform in a 50-minute showcase recital at the 2027 NFMC Biennial Convention.
- NFMC will serve as the promotional agent in securing concerts for the Ellis Duo winners following the competition.



Naomi Sanchez, Chairman

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COMPETITION — APPLICATION —

ENTRY
DEADLINE:
March 1,
2027

APPLICATION

Each duo team must submit the application online at nfmusic.org/applicant-file-upload. The complete application will include the YouTube video performance.

The competition will be held by video performance, uploaded to the NFMC website.

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

The video must clearly show that all repertoire is performed from memory, with the exception of the American piece.

The winners will be invited to perform a 50-minute showcase recital at the 2027 Biennial Convention.



2021 Ellis Duo Winners Hong/Rector Duo: Sylvia Hong & Michael Rector

COMPETITION — REPERTOIRE —

ELLIS COMPETITION FOR DUO PIANISTS

COMPETITION

A high quality, unedited YouTube video:

- 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 duo piano concerto of the contestants' choice.
- All works should be written originally for two pianos or one piano/four hands. Or, they may be transcribed by the composer for either setting.
- All repertoire must be memorized with the exception of the work written by the American composer.

First Place Winners should plan to play competition repertoire at the Showcase Recital.

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING BY MARCH 1, 2027

- Online application form
- A cover page including title, composer, and timing of each movement of all pieces submitted. One link to the audition video, labeled with Duo Team's names.
- Statement that Duo Team is not under professional management
- Professional photo and bio of Duo Team
- Proof of American citizenship
- Entry Fee: \$50.00



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