

COMPETITIONS

Competitions are truly a lottery ticket. You make the investment and hope to win!

WHAT COMPETITIONS DO FOR YOU:

1. They give you an incentive to practice.
2. They give you a framework of time and a deadline to get ready. That is a great learning experience for life!!!

WHAT COMPETITIONS CANNOT DO FOR YOU:

1. Give you a career in music. At least not any teenage competition and in many cases not even the big adult contest can insure that you will end up at Carnegie Hall and then have a series of concerts and that your financial future in the world of music is insured.
2. Make you a better pianist. That you do yourself with your daily practice and your will to work and your focus and discipline.
3. Winning does not mean that you are better than anyone else. Losing is not a failure. What it means is that on that day, on that piano, with the repertoire you were playing, and with that jury, they liked someone's performance better than yours.
4. Winning a competition does not change your life or WHO YOU ARE!

WHAT I CAN PROMISE YOU:

1. I can promise you that if you work intelligently and follow instructions carefully, you will become a better pianist.
2. I can promise you that when you play well, you will feel proud of your work and yourself.
3. I can promise you that if you play better because you practice with more intensity to get ready for a competition, that YOU ARE ALREADY A WINNER in your life and no judges can take that away from you.

WHAT I CANNOT PROMISE YOU:

1. That you will get an unbiased jury who will listen to your playing on its merits.
2. That if you are truly the best YOU WILL BE THE WINNER of the contest.
3. The honesty, morals and ethics of people involved.

AND NOW WE GO ON!!!!

1. Let's play even better at the next competition.
2. Let's work harder than we did before. Let's go over all the trouble spots and insure that playing will be easier and our technique will allow us to be more musical.
3. Let's work harder so we can give a message to the Jury and the audience. Let us take everyone on the trip that our imagination designs.
4. Let's make it very difficult to be ignored. Let's make it impossible to be thrown into the mediocre group. Let's be so fabulous that even the most corrupt group will have to ignore their commitments to other teachers and students because YOU ARE SO SPECIAL that their professional integrity takes over their corruption.
5. Let's be the greatest Warriors. Let's be the greatest pianists.

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