



the 5th
SILVERSTEIN
CLARINET
CONTEST '23

OFFICIAL GUIDE

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SILVERSTEIN
ARTIST TEAM

GOAL

Pursuing a career in music is a strenuous process and there are no shortcuts. Musicians dedicate endless hours mastering each passing note with precision and musicality. It is only through this undying passion and dedication that they contribute their art to make the world a beautiful place.

However, many musicians find it difficult to find opportunities to showcase their talent, accomplishments and passion. Limitations such as geographical location, educational accessibility, and financial constraints can severely discourage their pursuit.

The 5th Annual Silverstein Clarinet Contest is returning to show our appreciation while providing clarinetists a global stage to present their music without such limitations. In doing so, we aim to help increase wide-spread interest in clarinet music. And through this event, we want to recognize any and all clarinetists, indiscriminately, whosoever possess the potential to shape the future of the clarinet.

This event is hosted by many world-renowned artists from around the globe who are leaders in today's clarinet society. These artists have generously volunteered their time and expertise to come together as judges for this contest. Without their support and effort, this event would not be possible. You can find a full list of the judging team at <https://www.silversteinworks.com/sgcc/sgcc-hosts/>.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Open to all clarinetists of any level, under 19 years of age as of April 1st, 2023*.

SENIOR DIVISION

Open to all clarinetists of any level, 19 years of age or older as of April 1st, 2023*.

* Grand Prize winner must have valid documents to travel to Ireland if he/she wishes to travel to ICA ClarinetFest 2024.

* All Contestants must provide proof of age, if and when requested by Silverstein Works.

ELIGIBILITY

RULES

GENERAL RULES:

1. Only one entry per contestant with Bb or Bass clarinet.
2. All contestants must register via this [application form](https://forms.gle/nEkHLj7w3tkyDFsX6) at <https://forms.gle/nEkHLj7w3tkyDFsX6>.
3. Entirely free
4. Contestant choose and must play one of the two repertoire options for their division. See next page.
5. Only solo works or works accompanied by piano is accepted.
6. Winners of previous Silverstein Clarinet Contests are not eligible.
7. Entries must be received no later than 11:59pm EST. on May 20th, 2023
8. These rules may be changed without prior notice or consent.

VIDEO SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Videos must be submitted using the official [application form](https://forms.gle/nEkHLj7w3tkyDFsX6) at <https://forms.gle/nEkHLj7w3tkyDFsX6>.
2. Video resolution must be 1024 x 768 or higher, and must be in landscape mode.
3. Video must begin with a verbal introductory statement by the contestant with name, age, date of recording, occupation, and title of the musical selection.
4. Performer must be centered in the video frame with the entire face, hands, and instrument visible at all times. The video must clearly show the torso of the contestant, the clarinet, and finger movement.
5. Video must be recorded in one continuous shot with no breaks, cuts, or edits of any type. Edited videos will be immediately disqualified without notice to the contestant. If editing is discovered after the awarding process completes, the award will be forfeited.
6. Entire length of the video must be under 20 minutes in total, including the introductory statement.
7. To maintain a high standard of quality for the contest, the application page may close early if an excessive number of applications are received. For this reason, we encourage everyone to apply as soon as possible even before preparing a video file which can be added to the application later on.
8. An example of an acceptable video can be found [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8BN5_U8yqQ) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J8BN5_U8yqQ
9. Silverstein Works reserves the right to remove or disqualify any video submission for any reason at sole discretion.
10. Video submissions must be new, original, previously unreleased or publicly distributed recordings.
11. Contestants may not use video submitted to the Silverstein Clarinet Contest for any other personal or professional purpose, until the final results of this event are officially announced.
12. For seamless communication, we encourage all contestants to follow the [Silverstein Works Facebook page](#), the [Silverstein Clarinet Contest Facebook page](#), the [Silverstein Works Instagram account](#) and [Youtube Channel](#).

RULES

REPERTOIRE for Bb Clarinet:

Contestant must choose one of two repertoire choices

JUNIOR DIVISION (Choose One):

1. G. Donizetti: Studio Primo for Clarinet Solo (~5min.)
2. B. Martinů: Clarinet Sonatina, H.356 (About 11 min)

SENIOR DIVISION (Choose One):

1. V. Bucchi: Concerto for Clarinet Solo (~5min.)
2. C. Debussy: Première rhapsodie (~9min.)

REPERTOIRE for Bass Clarinet:

Contestant must choose one of two repertoire choices

JUNIOR DIVISION (Choose One):

1. Bass clarinet solo: Adolf Busch "Suite op 37" for solo bass clarinet, first movement "Andante tranquillo"
2. Bass clarinet and piano : Eugene Bozza "Ballade" for bass clarinet and piano

SENIOR DIVISION (Choose One):

1. Bass clarinet solo: Erland Von Koch "Monolog Nr 3" for solo bass clarinet
2. Bass clarinet and piano: Yvonne Desportes "Andante et allegro" for bass clarinet and piano

PRIZES

WINNERS:

1. Winners will be announced on or around 15th of July, 2023.
2. Winners of the event will be invited to join the Silverstein Works “Next Generation” Program and will receive all benefits of becoming a member of the Silverstein Works Family.
3. Silverstein Works reserves the right not to choose a grand prize winner for any reason at our discretion.
4. Silverstein Works reserves the right to post videos of winners on any social media network or website.

PRIZE - JUNIOR DIVISION:

GRAND PRIZE

- \$1,000 Scholarship
- \$500 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)
- New Bb “Conservatory” Clarinet sponsored by RZ Woodwind Manufacturing²

SECOND PLACE

\$1,000 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)

THIRD PLACE

\$750 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)

HONORABLE MENTION

\$500 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)

SHINING TALENT AWARD

Selected number of contestants will receive various prizes including Silverstein Ligatures, AMBIPOLY reeds products from our sponsors². (including one-time shipping¹)

PRIZE - SENIOR DIVISION:

GRAND PRIZE

- Round trip airfare to visit ICA Clarinetfest 2024 in Ireland. Or \$1,000 cash, if the winner opts out of travel to ICA. An opportunity to perform on the Silverstein Concert stage at ICA ClarinetFest 2024 (Accommodation is not included, Silverstein may cancel the event and pay the cash rewards)
- \$500 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)
- New Professional model Bb “Allegro” Clarinet sponsored by RZ Woodwind Manufacturing²

SECOND PLACE

\$750 in Silverstein merchandise² (including one-time shipping¹)
And PCL821 Professional Bb Clarinet by P. Mauriat Musical Instruments**

THIRD PLACE

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Contestant Support Desk (contestadmin@silversteinworks.com)

- General introduction
- Rules and Guidelines
- Q & A
- Technical support for application

Entry Submission Deadline (20th, May 2023)

Final Result Announcement (~15th, July 2023)

HOSTS/JURORS

ALDER, Jason
ADAMSKI, Arek
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BERTI, Sauro
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BRAITHWAITE, Nancy
CAVALLIN, Radovan
CIGLERIS, Peter
COHEN, Steve
COPELAND, Shawn
DIAZ, Lara
DIZON, Kristine
DU TOIT, Maria
DUGO, Giuseppe
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HEINEN, Julia
HUMES, Scot
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KOVACIC, Slavko

KROME, Maximilian
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LINKIN, Larry
LLOPIS, Javier
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PARRA, Gregory
PIERCY, Thomas
REITMAIER, Simon
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RIBEIRO, Hudson De Sousa
ROSCIA, Daniel
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ŠEBESTA, Ronald
SEMINARIO, Anibal
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SHAVERS, London-silas
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ZEWALD, Céleste

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