

## 2016-2017 National Concerto 50<sup>th</sup> Competition – Update

### Structure of the Competition -

Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> National Concerto Competition. This is a huge milestone for the competition and we are planning many celebrations. As in the very first competition in 1967/1968 this competition will be for both **PIANO** and **INSTRUMENTAL**.

There will be **8 Semi-Finalists (4 Piano and 4 Instrumental)** and from there **4 Finalists** will be chosen (**2 Piano and 2 Instrumental**).

If you are chosen as a Finalist you will be rehearsing in **Wellington on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017**. This is due to the NZSO being the accompanying orchestra for the Final.

For the Finals there will be a **Piano winner** and an **Instrumental winner** – the Trustees are also considering a **Grand Winner prize** and details of this will be available later on in the year.

### Preliminaries and Semi-Finals -

**Dates:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

**Venue:** The Piano - Centre for Music and the Arts, 156 Armagh Street, Christchurch

**Times:** Unknown as yet

**Semi – Finals:** This will be held on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December during the day and evening** with different Alumni groups playing in between. Details and timings are still being worked on.

**Please note – Rehearsals may begin on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December** in the afternoon. This will of course all depend on number of entries. We would put all local competitors in the early rehearsal time slots and out of town competitors in the later ones. At times we have had requests from competitors, and as a rule, have accommodated their needs however because of the larger entry number this year we may not be able to do this.

### Finals –

**Date:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

**Venue:** Aurora Centre Burnside High School, Christchurch  
Accompanied by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra

**Time:** 7.00 p.m.

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### **Prize Pool –**

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| <b>First Prize (Instrumental) =</b>                 | \$10,000                                |
| <b>First Prize (Piano) =</b>                        | \$10,000                                |
| <b>Second Prize (Instrumental) =</b>                | \$3,000                                 |
| <b>Second Prize (Piano) =</b>                       | \$3,000                                 |
| <b>Grand Winner =</b>                               | amount/package not confirmed at present |
| <b>Unplaced 4 Semi-Finalists =</b>                  | \$700 each                              |
| <b>Most Potential (not in Semi-Finals) =</b>        | \$200 (Instrumental and Piano)          |
| <b>Canterbury contestant (not in Semi-Finals) =</b> | \$100 (Instrumental and Piano)          |

**Please note:** There will be no People's Choice or Junior Jury Prize at the Finals.

### **Entry Form –**

The Entry Form along with the competition's criteria and other information will be available online on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**. Entries for the competition close on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016**.

Please go to our website [www.musiccanterbury.co.nz/competitions\\_scholarships/2016-2017 National Concerto 50th competition page](http://www.musiccanterbury.co.nz/competitions_scholarships/2016-2017_National_Concerto_50th_competition_page).