

2023 New Orleans Piano Institute (NOPI)

July 15-22, 2023

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The public is invited to attend all masterclasses, the NOPI Solo and Concerto Competitions, and the Showcase Recital free of charge

The New Orleans Piano Institute (NOPI) is an international, award-winning, intensive solo performance program for advanced and intermediate college, high school, and junior high school pianists.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE PROGRAM

New Orleans Piano Institute Directors, Dr. Igor Resnianski and Dr. Hristo Birbochukov will select approximately thirty-two pianists to participate in the 2023 New Orleans Piano Institute.

Accepted participants will enjoy an intensive solo performance week-long summer program designed for advanced and intermediate college, high school, and junior high school pianists. The 2023 NOPI participants will receive private lessons from internationally distinguished faculty, perform in master classes, attend lectures and discussions, perform in a Showcase Recital, and attend the opening solo recital of the New Orleans Keyboard Festival with a former prize winner of the biennial New Orleans International Piano Competition.

Besides participation in the institute, the NOPI participants may choose to participate in the NOPI Solo Competition (NOPISC) for prizes totaling \$1950, as well as the NOPI Concerto Competition (NOPICC) sponsored by Hall Piano Company and The Steinway Society of New Orleans. The winner of the Concerto Competition will receive a \$500 cash prize and the opportunity to perform with the New Orleans Civic Symphony during the next season. Please see below for more information about the NOPI deadlines, repertoire, competition requirements, and prizes.

There are two levels of participation in the NOPI program: as an **Active Participant** or as an **Observer**.

Active Participants will receive four private lessons, and perform in one Masterclass. Active Participants who choose to participate in the Solo Competition will receive three private lessons and perform in one Masterclass. In addition, Active Participants will be invited to attend all of the NOPI and Keyboard Festival events, and will perform in the Showcase Recital at the end of the Institute with scholarship prizes awarded.

Active Participants may also choose to compete in the New Orleans Piano Institute Solo or/and Concerto Competitions sponsored by Hall Piano Company and the Steinway Society of New Orleans for cash prizes and an opportunity to perform with the New Orleans Civic Symphony.

Observers will receive three private lessons and be invited to attend all of the NOPI, and the Keyboard Festival events (no Masterclass, Showcase Recital participation and Competitions eligibility). Applicants

for the Active Participant program that are not accepted as such, will automatically be considered for acceptance as Observers.

NOPI SOLO COMPETITION DIVISIONS AND PRIZES

Participation in the NOPI Solo Competition is limited to Active Participants of the New Orleans Piano Institute. First-prize Winners from previous NOPI Solo Competition can not compete in the same age group.

There are two Divisions based on the age of the contestant. In order to be accepted to compete in the Semi-final and the Final Rounds of the NOPI Solo Competition, a contestant has to submit a video recording (YouTube link only). Please see preliminary recorded round requirements below. If selected, each competitor will compete in both the Semi-final and the Final Rounds during NOPI. Winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Final Round.

Division I: Age 17 and younger (as of July 16, 2023)

Division II: Age 18 and older (as of July 17, 2023; maximum age limit is 29 by July 17, 2023)

Preliminary Recorded Round:

Submit a YouTube link of free repertoire up to 15 minutes, which must include at least two works from contrasting styles. The performer and the hands must be clearly visible. Each selection can be recorded separately but uploaded to YouTube as a single file with one link for the entire round.

Semi-final Round repertoire:

This repertoire must be the same as the repertoire of the preliminary recorded round (up to 15 minutes).

Final Round repertoire:

Up to 18 minutes repertoire of your own choosing; it can consist of a single or multiple selections. A single movement of a sonata or a suite is acceptable. Repertoire from the Semi-final round cannot be repeated.

Note: the repertoire in all rounds must be played from memory and no special prepared piano pieces will be allowed.

Prizes for each Division are as follows:

Division I: Age 17 and younger (by July 16, 2023)

First Prize - \$500

Second Prize - \$200

Third Prize - \$100

Division II: Age 18 and older (by July 17, 2023; maximum age limit is 29 by July 17, 2023)

First Prize - \$700

Second Prize - \$300

Third Prize - \$150

NOPI CONCERTO COMPETITION

Participation in the NOPI Concerto Competition is limited to Active Participants of the New Orleans Piano Institute. Previous First-prize winners of the NOPI Concerto Competition are not eligible to compete in the Concerto Competition again.

There is no video pre-selection for this competition. If an applicant is eligible and accepted as an Active NOPI 2023 Participant, they can take part in the Concerto Competition.

Each competitor will perform one movement of a piano concerto by memory with a second piano accompaniment. NOPI can provide an accompanist for an additional fee that will be paid directly to the accompanist.

The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the Concerto Competition and will be invited to perform with the New Orleans Civic Symphony during the next concert season. The cash prize of \$500 will be awarded at the performance with the New Orleans Civic Symphony.

The New Orleans Piano Institute Solo and Concerto Competitions are sponsored by Hall Piano Company and the Steinway Society of New Orleans.

ROOM AND BOARD

Boarding participants are housed in a dormitory on the campus of Loyola University, a five-minute walk from the Music Building. All participants are strongly recommended to stay at the dorm. The dormitory will have adult supervisors. Participants 13 years old or under who would like to stay in the dorm must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian. Participants that are 18 and older who choose to stay outside of the campus, will be fully responsible for their safety and well-being. Participants 17 and younger can only stay outside of the campus with the written permission of a parent or legal guardian. Participants 17 and younger staying at the dorm are not allowed to leave the campus without the permission from the Institute Directors. Local participants can commute daily to the campus for all NOPI activities or choose to stay at the dorm.

Please note that participants as well as parents/guardians who will be arriving by plane, will be responsible for their airfare and transportation from and to the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY).

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Fill out the [Online Application Form](#) by May 1, 2023 along with submitting the non-refundable General NOPI Application Fee of \$75 online at <https://masno.org/new-orleans-piano-institute/>.

If you are applying for the NOPI Concerto Competition, submit an additional non-refundable Concerto Competition Application Fee of \$50 (Total of \$125).

If you are applying for the NOPI Solo Competition, submit an additional non-refundable Solo Competition Application Fee of \$70 (Total of \$145).

If you are applying for both the NOPI Solo and Concerto competitions, submit the non-refundable application fees of \$75, \$50, and \$70 (Total of \$195).

Along with this Online Application, make the Application Fee(s) payment mentioned above (and all subsequent payments after your full acceptance to the program) online at <https://masno.org/new-orleans-piano-institute/>. Fees will be processed through PayPal.

Applicants who never participated in NOPI before 2023 as well as former NOPI Observers who wish to apply to be Active Participants, must submit a YouTube link in the online application. The video performance should include a single selection from the standard classical repertoire, no simplified arrangements, played from memory; a single movement of a sonata is acceptable for this audition recording. Video recordings made via smartphone or another digital device will be acceptable.

Former NOPI Active Participants are automatically accepted to the program and do not have to submit an audition recording.

The complete Application along with the Application Fee(s) as described above must be submitted by **May 1, 2023**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance to the 2023 New Orleans Piano Institute by June 1, 2023 or earlier; at which point accepted participants must submit their full Tuition Payment and Dorm and Meal fees no later than June 15, 2023.

Late applications may be considered based on availability and on a first-come first-served basis

NOPI INSTITUTE FEES

NOPI General Application Fee: \$75 (non-refundable, submit together with your application and no later than May 1, 2023)

NOPI Concerto Competition Application Fee: \$50 (only if applying for the Concerto Competition, non-refundable, submit together with your application and no later than May 1, 2023)

NOPI Solo Competition Application Fee: \$70 (only if applying for the Solo Competition, non-refundable, submit together with your application including the YouTube link of the video recorded preliminary round, no later than May 1, 2023)

NOPI Active Participant Tuition: \$725 (paid after the student is notified of acceptance on/around June 1, 2023 and due by June 15, 2023; becomes non-refundable after July 1, 2023)

NOPI Observers Tuition: \$400 (paid after the student is notified of acceptance on/around June 1, 2023 and due by June 15, 2023; becomes non-refundable after July 1, 2023)

NOPI Dorm: \$650 (for a single participant in a double occupancy room; due by June 15, 2023)

NOPI Meals: \$260 (3 meals a day/all you can eat dining service; due by June 15, 2023)

NOPI INSTITUTE DEADLINES

May 1, 2023 - Application Deadline. Apply by filling out the [Online Application Form](#).

May 1, 2023 - Non-Refundable Application Fee (along with optional non-refundable Concerto Competition Fee or/and the non-refundable Solo Competition Fee due. Please find the “Pay Fees” button here: <https://masno.org/new-orleans-piano-institute/>

June 1, 2023 - Accepted applicants notified by email

June 15, 2023 - Tuition Fee, Dorm and Meal Fees due (non-refundable after July 1, 2023)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact NOPI Co-Director Dr. Igor Resnianski at igorresn@gmail.com with questions about the Institute program and competitions.

Contact NOPI Co-Director Dr. Hristo Birbochukov at birbochukov@yahoo.com with questions specific to the Institute application process and dorm/meal options.

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