Piano Achievement Awards Competition 2023

Narciso Solero, chair

Co-chairs: Eve Ginnett, Amy Rothstein, Patricia Huff –Palumbo, Margarita Gramaticova

PAA took place on Saturday, May 6, at Jordan Kitts Music, Steinway Gallery at Tysons Corner Center, and at the Woman’s Club of Arlington. A total of 88 students registered, with 6 withdrawals and the breakdown of levels as follows:

Level 1 – 22 students

Level 2 – 16 students

Level 3 – 19 students

Level 4 – 18 students

Level 5 -- 8 students

Judges were Ingrid Clarfield, Phyllis Lehrer, Steven Spooner, Bradford Gowen, Daniel Pesca, Hyo Ju Lee, Maxwell Foster, Min Young Park, and Rhoda Wang Jeng. Judges bios and programs available from me (Narciso) upon request.

The event ran smoothly at all three venues, and there have been no post-competition complaints received. Comments emailed after the event were positive, and at least 4 teachers commented on the outstanding reputations of the judges hired.

I have already requested the date for PAA for 2024 and will immediately arrange venues upon confirmation of the requested date, and I already have reasonably firm commitments from 5 potential judges from the 9 that we need to hire.

Respectfully submitted,

Narciso Solero, PAA chair