



**HARVARD MUSICAL
ASSOCIATION**

HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NOTICE

The Harvard Musical Association is a private association of individuals with an active interest in music. It is independent of Harvard University. The HMA was founded in 1837 and exists to encourage the performance, appreciation and enjoyment of fine music. Toward that end, we maintain a substantial library, organize a regular program of concerts for members and their guests, commission new works, and make gifts to performing arts organizations, schools of music, and talented young musicians.

The Achievement Awards Program acknowledges and encourages the talents of outstanding young musicians of secondary school age. We will consider nominees in Grades 9-12, ages 14-19, who work in the classical style and reside or are in school in the state of Massachusetts. Our selection criteria stress talent and a serious commitment to a career in music.

Awards are given at varying levels. First prize is a \$2,000 award and includes a recital during the following season's Harvard Musical Association concert series. \$1,000 represents a second prize award, and \$750 is a third prize award. The number of awards changes from year to year, based on qualification of applicants. First-prize winners become ineligible for future HMA High School Achievement Awards.

THE LIVE FINAL ROUND OF COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON THE EVENING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018 AT THE HARVARD MUSICAL ASSOCIATION. ALL FINALISTS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO PERFORM FOR MEMBERS OF THE HMA AND THE JUDGES ON THAT EVENING IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR AN AWARD.

THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS COMMITTEE NOW ACCEPTS APPLICATION FORMS, TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS, AND RECORDINGS ELECTRONICALLY. PLEASE FOLLOW THE REVISED SUBMISSION GUIDELINES INDICATED ON THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS.

For further information, please email us at achievement@hmaboston.org.