

***Keyboard Companion
Collegiate Writing Contest
Official Rules and Regulations***

1) Eligibility

This contest is open to any college student currently enrolled (as of contest deadline) in an accredited program of music study. Undergraduate and graduate students from any country in the world are eligible. *Keyboard Companion* reserves the right to verify any entrant's enrollment status.

2) Costs

There are no entry fees for the contest, and no purchase is necessary. There is a limit of one entry per contestant.

3) Submissions

Contestants can submit their entry in one of two manners:

- 1) A Microsoft Word document e-mailed to editor@keyboardcompanion.com
- 2) A hard copy document mailed to Pete Jutras, Hugh Hodgson School of Music,
250 River Road, Athens, GA, 30602.

We will not accept entries that require a signature for receipt.

Either form of entry should be prepared as a double-spaced document with 1-inch margins. Please use Times New Roman font, 12 point. Submissions must be in English.

Entries must include a cover sheet with the author's name, mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, university, degree program, and major professor. *Keyboard Companion* will not share this information with any party for any purpose.

Students are free to write on any topic of their choosing that relates to the field of piano pedagogy. Entries should be a maximum of 1,500 words. All entries must be original works, and by entering the contestant affirms that the material submitted is original and has not been plagiarized in whole or in part from any outside source. Previously published material is ineligible. Any quotations or referenced data from existing sources must be properly cited.

E-mailed entries must be received by 11:59pm on March 16th, 2009. Mailed entries must be postmarked by March 16th, 2009. No late entries will be accepted. Manuscripts will not be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. *Keyboard Companion* will acknowledge receipt of entries via e-mail.

4) Rights and Permissions

Any winning material that is published by *Keyboard Companion* becomes the copyrighted property of *Keyboard Companion*, which retains all rights for future use. Material may not be reprinted without written permission. Any non-winning and unpublished material will remain the copyrighted property of the author.

5) Judging

Manuscripts will be reviewed by a panel of judges, who will evaluate submissions for content, originality, value to the profession, and writing style. All author information will be removed from manuscripts prior to judging. The decision of the judges is entirely their own and is final.

6) Prizes

The grand prize will be publication in the Autumn 2008 issue of *Keyboard Companion*. There is no monetary prize or cash value. In addition, *Keyboard Companion* reserves the right to award additional prizes of publication on the *Keyboard Companion* website. Prizewinners will be notified on or before September 1st, 2009.

Any further questions may be directed to Pete Jutras, Editor-in-Chief at editor@keyboardcompanion.com