



ANTELOPE VALLEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND MASTER CHORALE
2024 Bach Competition Rules

1. AVSOMC's Bach competition is open to pianists and instrumentalists who 1) have not reached the age of 19 by February 24, 2024, 2) have not won first prize in prior AVSOMC Bach Competitions in their current age category, and 3) are not entered in other 2024 AVSOMC Competitions.
2. Contestants perform one or more musical selections by Johann Sebastian Bach for solo instrument or unaccompanied piano, with a total duration of no more than eight minutes.
3. Contestants may enter only one category, either instrumental or piano. Arrangements are acceptable, though authenticity may be a judging factor. Performance must be memorized.
4. Contestants submit a completed application, a copy of their birth certificate or passport and a \$40 application fee. **Application fee will not be refunded for any reason.** All application materials must be received no later than Friday, January 12, 2024. Auditions will only be scheduled after all materials and payment have been received.
5. Audition times will be assigned and emailed by Monday, January 15, 2024. Specific time requests will be considered whenever possible.
6. At the audition, contestants must provide the judges a printed score. Measures must be numbered with one number at the beginning of each line of music.
7. Contestants provide their own accompanist, if needed.
8. Contestants arrive no later than forty-five minutes prior to their audition time. Reserved practice rooms will be available thirty minutes prior to each audition. Contestants receive a maximum audition time of ten minutes.
9. Judged auditions take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Antelope Valley College Choir Room, FA3-162.
10. Auditions are open to soloists and accompanists only.
11. Winners will be announced immediately following auditions. Prizes will be awarded at the performance.
12. AVSOMC reserves the right to withhold awards where performances do not meet the judges' artistic standards. All decisions of the judges and the AVSOMC will be final.
13. First Prize winners receive two complimentary vouchers to the AVSOMC performance, unlimited discount performance tickets, and a complimentary video recording of the recital. Additionally, scholarships will be awarded to First Prize winners as follows:
 - Junior Division, Instrumental, 12 years old or younger, \$300
 - Junior Division, Piano, 12 years old or younger, \$300
 - Senior Division, Instrumental, Age 13 to 18, \$300
 - Senior Division, Piano, Age 13 to 18, \$300
15. Students whose teachers are enrolled in Music Teachers of California, Antelope Valley branch may compete for two separate First Prize awards:

Junior Division, Instrumental or Piano, 12 years old or younger, \$100

Senior Division, Instrumental or Piano, Age 13 to 18, \$100

16. First Prize winners agree to participate in 1) dress rehearsal 2) recital, and 3) post-concert reception at the Antelope Valley College Performing Arts Theatre on Saturday, February 24, 2024, beginning at 5p.m. Missing any of these three events results in forfeiture of the prize.
17. Winners agree to allow the AVSOMC to use their names, photographs, and videotaped performance in connection with AVSOMC publicity.
18. Winners perform the pieces with which they auditioned. Repertoire may not be changed.
19. For additional information, contact the AVSOMC at (661) 722-6300, ext. 6383, or david.newby@avc.edu