



## News Release

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**Event:** Youth Piano Competition

**Presented by:** Cuesta College and the Paderewski Reprise ([www.paderewskireprise.com](http://www.paderewskireprise.com))

**Date:** Applications are due by Friday, September 1

**Contact:** Cuesta College at 591-6220 or Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce at 238-0506

## **Cuesta College and Paderewski Reprise Host Youth Piano Competition**

Cuesta College and the Paderewski Reprise are seeking talented pianists for the first annual Youth Piano Competition at the Cuesta College North County Campus.

The contest will feature a junior category for entrants from 9 to 14 years old and a senior category for entrants from 15 to 18 years old. The top three performers in both the junior and senior category will win certificates, cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$500 and a chance to perform at the Paderewski Reprise Concert at the Paso Robles Inn Ballroom on September 30.

Competitors will be judged by USC Polish Music Center Director Marek Zebrowski and Rudolfas Budginas, conductor of the Thomas Aquinas University Chamber Orchestra and piano instructor for Cuesta College. Zebrowski will also be available to coach prior to the competition. The competition and concert are held in honor of world-famous pianist and composer Ignacy Jan Paderewski who lived just outside of Paso Robles.

Interested pianists must submit an application, personal statement, photograph, a list of music studied during the calendar year and a \$20 application fee. Junior applicants must perform two works of varying difficulty, style and time periods. Senior applicants must perform three pieces of varying difficulty, style and time periods, including one composition by Paderewski. All selections must be performed from memory.

Applications are due by Friday, September 1, and the competition will be held on Friday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Applications can be mailed or delivered to the Cuesta College North County Campus to the attention of Rachel Hamilton.

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