



**11<sup>th</sup> Bösendorfer and Yamaha USASU International Piano Competitions  
Tempe, Arizona, January 3-8, 2025**

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled about our upcoming 11<sup>th</sup> Bösendorfer and Yamaha USASU International Piano Competition, which will be held January 3-8, 2025, at the Arizona State University School of Music, Dance and Theatre. This is a world-class competition with many outstanding young pianists arriving to Arizona in just a few short weeks. 350 pianists from 33 countries applied to the competition and 43 were accepted to come here and take part in the competition this January.

Many of our selected competitors arrive from different countries or states and cannot afford a hotel. We are seeking host families for them. This is a wonderful opportunity to form personal bonds and friendships with young pianists from all over the world. Families who hosted in past years have expressed to us that the experience was rewarding and memorable and many of them maintain friendships with our young pianists for years after the event. This is also a great opportunity for young students studying piano to get to know, be inspired and form relationships with some of the world's greatest young pianists. If you are a piano teacher, please forward this opportunity to your students.

As a host, you may choose from the following options:

1. Hosting a competitor in the Bösendorfer competition (ages 19 through 32). These pianists will arrive by Thursday, 1/2/2025, and may stay until Thursday, 1/9/2025 if they are selected as winners (they may leave earlier if they are eliminated after the first semi-final round).
2. Hosting a competitor in one of the Yamaha competitions. These competitors range from ages 13 through 18 (Junior division: ages 13-15; Senior division: ages 16-18). They will arrive by Saturday, 1/4/2025, and may stay until Thursday, 1/9/2025 if they are selected as winners. Often times, these pianists arrive with an accompanying parent.

Host families are invited to attend a reception for host families and competitors on the evening of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 6:45pm. Martha Argerich, one of the world's greatest pianists will join the jury panel and as gratitude to your generosity you will receive a free ticket for our opening gala concert "Martha Argerich and Members of the Jury" as well as free tickets to hear your guest perform during the competition.

We sincerely hope that you will consider welcoming one of the competitors in the Bösendorfer or Yamaha USASU International Piano Competitions into your home. To express your preferences for a competitor and more information about it please email us at [pianocompetition@asu.edu](mailto:pianocompetition@asu.edu). We hope to hear from you soon.

Thank you very much!

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