



Gavilan College Music Department presents
Third Annual Marian Filice
Youth Piano Competition
March 1, 2008

Dear Teachers and Parents:

We are excited to present the third annual Marian Filice piano competition. This year looks to be bigger and better. We look forward to the celebration of the musical talents that represent our community. With the continued support of teachers and parents, we expect the competition to continue its success.

In addition to this year's competition, we are delighted to present a festival that will showcase young pianists of the area, open to the ages of 6 to 18. This festival will showcase pianists in our area who simply would like to perform and not participate in the competition. The concert will take place on the day of the competition and is open to the public.

This Competition will take place at the Gavilan College Theatre on Saturday March 1, 2008, Gilroy, California. Gavilan College welcomes all who live in the Gavilan College service areas to participate in this event.* It is our goal to help develop and to support the talents of the young people in our community as well as to make available the resources we all can share at Gavilan College.

Marian Filice was a strong supporter of music and arts education, especially local education. She herself taught piano in Gilroy for many years. We join her family, whose generous support makes this competition possible, in hoping to encourage students in striving for musical excellence and in creating an opportunity for them to share their talents with the entire community. A more complete biography can be found on our webpage at www.gavilan.edu/music

The Competition will consist of two divisions. The junior division will be open for students who are in grades 5-8. The senior division will be open for students who are in grades 9-12. Each participant will be expected to have prepared (by memory) two stylistically contrasting pieces (e.g., Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Contemporary). One original copy of the piece must be supplied for the judges

on the day of the Competition. The entry fee is \$25.00, non refundable, per participant paid to Gavilan College.

Two judges, to be announced, will select three winners and honorable mentions for each division. The winner of the Senior Division will be invited to play at the Gavilan ***Bach To Blues*** Concert in March and may be asked to perform for the South Valley Symphony Youth Concert. Each contestant will get a Certificate of Participation.

Please send application forms with fees to:

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Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Piano Competition Committee

**Gavilan College service areas include Hollister, Gilroy, San Juan Bautista, Morgan Hill, Coyote Creek, San Martin and South San Jose.*