



Gavilan College Music Department presents
21st Annual Marian Filice
Youth Piano Competition
March 1, 2026

Dear Teachers and Parents:

This year marks the 21st year of Marian Filice Piano Competition. We are extremely proud of the results that the Competition obtained through its history. With the continued support of teachers and parents, we expect the competition to continue its success.

This Competition will take place at the Gavilan College Theatre on Sunday, March 1st, 9:00am, 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/academic/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.**

There will be two judges, to be announced, who will select three winners and honorable mentions for each division. The **local** winner of the Senior Division will be invited to play at the Gavilan ***Bach To Blues*** Concert on March 14th. Each contestant will get a Certificate of Participation.

We are looking forward to next March, in the hope that the 21st Annual Marian Filice Piano Competition will turn into a joyous musical event. See you soon!

Please send application forms with fees to:

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

Sincerely,

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



Gavilan College Marian Filice Youth Piano Competition

Event Venue: Gavilan College Theater

Event format: Junior Division: 5 to 10 minutes per performer
Senior Division: 10 to 15 minutes per performer

All contestants will audition the morning/afternoon of the competition.
Each contestant will be assigned a designated start time.

The finalists of Junior and Senior Divisions will be asked to perform during the evening award ceremony.

Judges: Two judges will adjudicate the competition and will offer written constructive comments for each contestant.

Repertoire: Contestants will be expected to have prepared two contrasting pieces from the classical repertoire performed by memory (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, or Contemporary) Furnish one score for the adjudicators (no photocopies)

Awards:	Grades	1st place	second place	third place	local prize
	9-12	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$250
	5-8	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$150

Certificate of participation will be given to all participants.

Application: Entry fees: \$25 per participant (non refundable), checks made payable to Gavilan College.

Deadline: January 26th, 2026

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