

Finalist Guidelines

1. Finals Venue

Piano, Strings, Winds, Vocal Categories

Date: October 26 (Saturday), October 27 (Sunday), 2024

Venue: Y Theatre, Hong Kong Youth Square

Address: 238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan, Hong Kong

Transport: MTR Chai Wan Station Exit A or E, a 3-minute walk via covered footbridge.

Zheng, Drum Kit, Guitar Categories

Date: October 27 (Sunday), 2024

Venue: uCinema, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups Jockey Club Media 21

Address: LG2/F, Shek Pai Wan Shopping Centre, Shek Pai Wan Estate, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Transport: MTR Wong Chuk Hang Station Exit A1, then take minibus 4M to Shek Pai Wan.

2. Registration

Contestants should follow the Finals Schedule, arriving at the designated venue 30 minutes early with identification (i.e. student ID, identity card, or passport). Late arrivals will be considered forfeits. After registration, please follow staff instructions and proceed backstage. Free seating applied to parents.

Please check your name on the Finals Schedule. If any corrections are needed, email info@happysoundmusic.net before October 15, 2024. A handling fee of HKD 200 will be charged for reissuing certificates or trophies due to mistakes.

3. Rules

Contestants will perform according to the Finals Schedule. No bowing is required; contestants may begin playing immediately. The performance time limits are:

- Pre-Junior Class: 2 minutes
- Junior Class: 2 minutes
- Adolescent Class: 3 minutes
- Youth Class: 5 minutes

Judges may interrupt performances at any time without affecting scores.

During the event, the organizer will record and photograph the performances for documentation. All rights are owned by the organizer.

4. Instruments

The Y Theatre provides a Steinway & Sons B211 piano for piano finalists and accompanists. A handheld wireless microphone will be available for the vocal finalists. The uCinema will provide a set of YAMAHA drum kit, drum stool, amplifier and two zhengs.

Contestants must prepare their own instruments or accessories, such as drumsticks, cello endpin rest, guitar footstools, etc.

If using background music for accompaniment, please email an MP3 file to info@happysoundmusic.net by October 15, 2024, following these guidelines:

Subject: MMO_Contestant Number_Name (e.g., MMO_PJC1-1_Chan Tai Man)

MP3 file name: Contestant Number_Name

Confirmation email will be sent by October 18, 2024. Failure to submit files correctly may result in playback issues, which will not be addressed on-site.

5. Announcement of Results

Judges will score based on live performance. Scores are averaged, and awards are given in three categories:

- Gold Award (85% or above)
- Silver Award (75-84%)
- Bronze Award (65-74%)

Results will be posted in the lobby 30 minutes after each session.

6. Collection of Certificates and Trophies

Certificates and trophies will be distributed on the same day. Contestants or parents should present identification at the Award Collection Desk in the lobby 45 minutes after the session ends. Please note that uncollected items will not be stored or mailed.

7. Refund Policy

Due to insufficient participants in the Saxophone, Trombone, French Horn, Trumpet, Harmonica, Pipa, Yangqin, and Harp categories (fewer than five participants), the live final will be canceled. Contestants may choose between a refund or submitting a recorded performance for evaluation. For video submission, please email the video or a link to info@happysoundmusic.net by October 22, 2024.

Requirements: Contestants must show their ID in front of the camera and perform in one continuous shot at 720p resolution or higher, in either portrait or landscape orientation.

Result announcement: Results will be emailed by October 27, 2024, along with details on certificates and trophies collection.

Contestants who do not accept the Finalist Guidelines may request a refund by emailing info@happysoundmusic.net before October 15, 2024. Refunds will be processed via FPS.

Please provide the following details:

- Contestant's name
- Instrument, Group
- Parent/Guardian contact information (Name and Contact number)
- FPS account information (FPS account number and name)

Refund requests will not be accepted after October 15, 2024.