

Australian National Eisteddfod - 2023 Piano Eisteddfod

A Canberra tradition for many, many years the Piano Eisteddfod is a wonderful performance opportunity for all students both here in Canberra and from interstate.

Held from 30 August through to 3rd September at the Wesley Music Centre with an added incentive to do well– an increase in prize money for all sections.

Thanks to the generous support of Mrs Dianne Anderson AM, the Piano Eisteddfod offered an increase in prize money in all sections.

Melissa Buchholz of Toowoomba Grammar School and Mr Glenn Riddle of Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, University of Melbourne adjudicated a record number of over four hundred and fifty performances ranging from 7 years and under age group to the Open sections.

The final event on Sunday 3 September, the Open Piano Championship, attracted 12 entrants coming from Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Wagga Wagga and Melbourne. The winner of the first prize of \$4,000 was Oscar Wong from the Gold Coast with second prize of \$2,000 going to Bernice Chua of Canberra

Overall, there were 65 sections and those winners plus placegetters as well as the special awards are now available on the Eisteddfod website.

A wonderful event for all involved – comments included,

Piano teacher,

I have had a lot of positive feedback from my students who have been participating this year, and it is always such a wonderful opportunity for them to gain performing experience and to receive feedback from a highly qualified adjudicator. It is great that you have been able to hold it at the Wesley Music Centre!

Piano tuner

I must say that I was very, very impressed with the depth of talent on display last Sunday afternoon.

Adjudicator

The whole weekend was a wonderful celebration of young piano talent from Canberra and elsewhere. Most enjoyable.

The Eisteddfod's mission is to promote participation in the performing arts. It actively encourages an inclusive environment that fosters the growth of confidence and self-esteem in performers of all levels and ages. The majority of participants are children and young adults. Each year over 4,000 individuals perform at Australian National Eisteddfod events.

For further information, please see the website, [Australian National Eisteddfod](https://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/special/eisteddfod/).