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CHARLESTON, IL--Twenty high school students from five states will participate in piano competition at Eastern Illinois University on Sunday, Oct. 23 in the Fine Arts Center.

Purpose of the competition is to "encourage the study and performance of challenging piano repertoire by composers of the western hemisphere." Keyboard faculty members at Eastern have selected works by composers from the U.S., Canada and Latin America.

Thirteen pianists will play between 9:30 a.m. and noon. Seven will perform between 1:30 p.m. and 2:40 p.m., concluding the first round. Finals will begin at 8 p.m. There is no admission charge, although admission will be allowed only between performances.

The style of works appearing on the required list varies from Romantic compositions by American composer Edward MacDowell to the contemporary style of Brazilian composer Marlos Nobre. States to be represented include Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

First prize of \$500 will be awarded by the Bank of Charleston. Other prizes and donors are: Kirchner Building Center, \$250; Mrs. Leland Knollenberg, \$150; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, \$100; student chapters of the Music Teachers' National Association, Sigma Alpha Iota and Phi Mu Alpha, of Eastern, \$75.