

# **2017 Pensacola Finger Style Acoustic Guitar Competition**

## **Prizes**

- 1st Prize: \$600 cash prize, \$2400 scholarship\*
- 2nd Prize: \$450 cash prize, \$1800 scholarship\*
- 3rd Prize: \$300 cash prize, \$1200 scholarship\*

## **Location**

The competition will be held at the Pensacola State College Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

## **Competition Rules**

All competition applications must be received by Friday, September 29, 2017.

All contestants must be 18 years old or younger on the date of the competition. A valid picture I. D. or birth certificate will be required to verify eligibility.

On the day of the competition, all contestants must sign in at the registration desk by 9:45 a.m. in the lobby of the Pensacola State College Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium.

All contestants must play acoustic instruments. No amplification will be permitted.

The recommended maximum playing time for each contestant is 5 minutes. Contestants may choose two musical selections, preferably in contrasting styles.

Each Contestant may retune their instrument between pieces using a portable electronic tuner. Time spent retuning your instrument on stage will be included as part of the maximum playing time of 5 minutes.

Only one instrument will be allowed per contestant.

Standard or traditional style capos may be used. Capos must be applied across all strings on the same fret of the instrument.

All musical selections that are performed must be complete compositions. Excerpts of compositions will not be accepted.

Competitors will be evaluated on their technique, musicianship, and overall presentation. Judges' comments and scores will not be made available to competitors. The judges reserve the right to award the number of prizes that they believe is appropriate. The judges' decisions are final.

The top three prizes will be announced during intermission at the Saturday night concert on October 7, at the Pensacola State College Ashmore Fine Arts Auditorium, featuring National Finger Style Competition winner and Guitar Foundation of America's International Guitar Competition winner, Michael Chapdelaine.

For more information, please contact Dr. Joe Stallings at [jstallings@pensacolastate.edu](mailto:jstallings@pensacolastate.edu)

\*In order to receive the scholarship prize, contestants who are currently in high school must enroll at Pensacola State College as a Music Major with guitar as their principle instrument after graduating from high school. If a competitor is not enrolled in high school, the competitor must enroll at Pensacola State College as a Music Major with guitar as their principle instrument within one year after the competition.