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The 2008 International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition has been created to provide young and mature chamber music ensembles from around the world with an opportunity to compete with each other in their respective age groups and to perform in the best music halls of New England and New York. The 2008 ICMEC has attracted more than seventy chamber ensembles that include musicians from Italy, Argentina, Germany, Japan, Spain, Canada, Israel, and the United States.

The ICMEC auditions were held at Boston University in April and May of this year. Groups competed in five age groups and nine chamber music categories including piano duos, piano trios, piano quartets, sonata duos, jazz and folk ensembles, ensembles with winds and string and vocal ensembles.

Saxophonist Tony Gibbs and his wife, pianist Benita Rose, perform as the Rose Gibbs Duo. They auditioned in April and won third prize in the International Chamber Music Ensemble Competition. Mr. Gibbs has been a music and chorus teacher at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry since January 2001.