

Piano Festival 2017

Rules Sheet

The Festival will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017 in the Humanities Building at Augustana University. Students may register in one of the following levels: EA, EB, IA, IB, IC, PA, or PB.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

1. Members are required to pay their national MTNA dues in order to participate in festival.
2. The student must have taken lessons for nine months, or one school year by the time of the Festival.
3. The student must presently be studying with an SFAMTA member and have studied with that teacher for the last six months prior to the festival.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Two memorized selections of at least 16 measures each.
2. The selections must be of different periods (Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic-Contemporary) and of contrasting styles. EXCEPTION: In Elementary A the selections need only be of contrasting styles and by different composers.
3. Original compositions, arrangements, transcriptions, folk songs, hymns, or Christmas carols are NOT acceptable. NO EXCEPTIONS. Please check selections carefully as many selections in Alfred and Faber editions are not indicated as arrangements or transcriptions.
4. One selection is to be chosen from this year's repertoire list and the other selection is personal choice—this piece is NOT to be on this year's repertoire list at any level. Please check all levels carefully. Also check for the same piece with a different title. The selections are to be of equal difficulty. Students should not play the same piece as the previous year.
5. Measures must be numbered.
6. A copy of the music must be provided for the adjudicator. Photocopies are prohibited but digital sheet music is permitted with appropriate licensing information present. Entrants are required to remove or cover personally identifying marks in their music.
7. Performance time allowed is as follows: EA, EB, IA-7 minutes; IB and IC-7 minutes; PA and PB 10 minutes. Performances may be timed on Festival day and may be stopped when the allotted time is up. This should not reflect on the rating.

Registrations not meeting all of the above requirements will be given the opportunity to make repertoire changes. If you have any questions concerning acceptance, please contact the chairperson before registering a student.

Students that forget to bring music or are not prepared on memory of both pieces will be allowed to play but will receive the Good rating.

Ratings are given in the Superior, Excellent, Very Good, and Good categories at each level at the discretion of the judge. All students receive a comment sheet and a certificate. Trophies are awarded to students who participate 3, 5, 7, and 9 years. A plaque is given to students who participate 10 years and a gift certificate is given for 11 years of participation.

The Festival is open to observers and we encourage parents to be present. Teachers should not be seen in the performance room with their student prior to their audition. Audio and video taping is not allowed. Practice on Festival pianos is not permitted.

Poppler's Music and Schmitt Music have been given the repertoire list and will be asked to stock music.

The registration fee is \$15.00 and is non-refundable. Students traveling more than 30 miles will be scheduled after 9:00 A.M. Every attempt will be made to schedule siblings close together. Special requests will be honored when feasible. Please be prepared to give your students and their parents this information.

The registration deadline is Thursday, February 2, 2017, 12:00 noon. Entries may be brought to the registrar before or at the February 2 meeting. If you are mailing your entries, please do so a week ahead of time as entries must be received by the deadline. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR THURSDAY STUDENTS' REGISTRATIONS READY BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE.** Registrations received AFTER February 2, 12:00 noon, will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS. Send ONE check, payable to SFAMTA, to Sue Winters, 3901 E. 28th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103. If you have questions, call her at 371-2583.