

MTAC Fresno Branch

Piano Celebration

Sat, March 24th and Sun, Mar 25th, 2012

CSUF Music Building

Applications postmarked by Feb 1, 2012

Eligibility

Piano Celebration is a piano festival for students of all ages. It is a vehicle to help students reach their musical potential. It is open to students of MTAC members only. One qualified paid judge will evaluate each student. The amount of time spent with the judge corresponds with each level. Students may enter in solo/duet event at all levels and concerto event at intermediate and advanced levels.

Application Requirements

1. Students are grouped into approximate levels that correspond to Certificate of Merit.
 - **Elementary** (equal to CM Levels 1, 2, 3) 10 min. Student **must** play 2 pieces.
 - **Intermediate** (equal to CM Levels 4, 5, 6) 10 min. Student may play more than 1 piece, but must finish both in their entirety within the time limit.
 - **Advanced** (equal to CM Levels 7 and up) 15 min. Student may play more than 1 piece, but must finish both in their entirety within the time limit.
2. Music should conform to CM guidelines. No pre-staff music, pop music or arrangements of standard piano literature.
3. All music must be memorized. Non-memorized music will automatically drop one rating lower.
4. The judge must be given an original copy of the music with measures numbered. No photocopies will be allowed without written permission from the publisher or music store stating that the music is out of print. **Students with unauthorized photocopies will not be heard by the judge.**
5. Student playing duet must also play a second solo piece for evaluation.

Awards and Ratings

1. Students will be rated as follows: Superior (5 pts), Excellent (4 pts), Very Good (3 pts), Good (2 pts), and Fair (1 pt). Results will be announced right after the performance. **All decisions made by judges are final.**
2. Students achieving Superior rating are eligible to perform in an Honors Recital on the same day as the festival. These recitals are held hourly throughout the day. Students may sign up at the door of Recital Hall.
3. Students will receive a medal award on Celebration Day. This award is free of charge.
4. Students will also be given certificates of participation and judges' critiques will be forwarded to students via teachers at later time.

Deadline and Fees

All applications must be received or postmarked by Feb 1, 2012. Late applicants will not be considered or accepted. Fee is \$20 per student/entry. Write one check to MTAC-Fresno and mail it to Catherina Murni. Please see yearbook for more details info.

Teacher Volunteers

To run the event smoothly all teachers entering students are requested to help on Celebration Day. There will be a \$50 penalty for teachers that are unable to help.

Committee

Daniel Arrigoni, Beth Benjamin, Michal Hembd, Aarne Kela, and Jean Wilkins. Please contact chairperson if teachers want to be part of this great committee. **Parents are not permitted to call committee members.**

For More Information

Chairperson: Catherina Murni. Email: cjmurni@yahoo.com