

### *What is the Piano Festival?*

The Piano Festival is an event sponsored by Lawrence Academy of Music to provide piano students the opportunity to demonstrate their musical knowledge through performance, musicianship, and theory. Students memorize and perform one contemporary piece and a contrasting piece for an experienced adjudicator. Students are required to demonstrate a thorough knowledge of their prepared music including title, composer, musical markings, and form of pieces. Students also complete a theory test appropriate to their level. Grade level groupings are K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-11-12.

### *Why participate?*

As the only event of its kind in the Fox Valley, the Piano Festival provides students the opportunity to prepare one contemporary piece of music as well as a contrasting piece for performance. Teachers and students alike are enriched by helpful comments from excellent adjudicators from all over Wisconsin. Each student receives a certificate for participating in the festival, and winners are chosen at each level to perform in a recital.



Winners and honorable mentions are chosen based on overall scores (70 percent performance, 10 percent musicianship, 20 percent theory). Winners also receive rewards such as CDs, books, and ribbons, and their teachers are recognized on a printed recital program.

Year after year, students and teachers find new contemporary repertoire to explore after hearing recital performances.

### *Where and when does the festival take place?*

Students perform their prepared music on Saturday, April 30, 2011 at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music.

Winners perform in the Festival Recital on Sunday, May 8 at 3:00 in Harper Hall, Lawrence Conservatory of Music. The recital is free and open to the general public. All festival participants and their families are encouraged to attend.

### *What is the Cost?*

The cost for students in grades K-5 is \$17. Students in grades 6-12 pay \$22.

### *How do I register?*

Students should contact their private piano teachers for registration information. Teachers receive registration forms by mail from Lawrence Academy of Music or may obtain a copy through the Academy website at [www.lawrence.edu/dept/acad\\_music/events.shtml](http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/acad_music/events.shtml).

Registration deadline is March 25, 2011.

### *Who do I contact to receive more information?*

The festival coordinator is Mary Van De Loo. She may be reached at Lawrence Academy of Music by calling (920) 832-6632.



*"The experience of preparing and dealing with the pressure of performing in competition is very important. Being in a smaller environment and having a recital to shoot for is more self-motivating."*

—Daniel Shapiro  
piano student and former festival winner

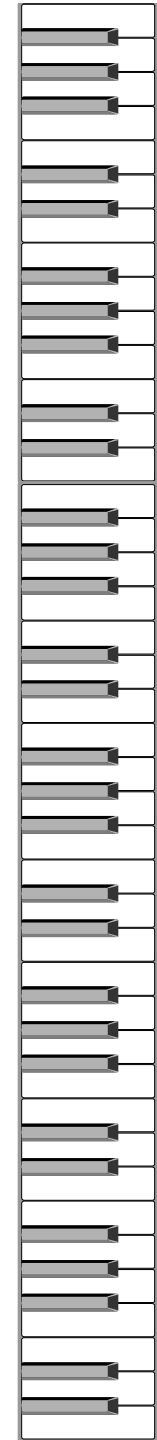


*"The piano festival is a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to gain the experience of being judged in a friendly, exciting and non-threatening environment. Walking through the halls and hearing so many students performing is uplifting. The various requirements really help the participants expand their scope as musicians. Feedback from other piano professionals is very helpful for any student aspiring to self-improvement."*

—Dorian Jordan, parent



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Festival  
April 30, 2011

Recital  
May 8, 2011