



Lawrence Academy of Music
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Piano Festival: Saturday, April 25, 2009
Festival Recital: Sunday, May 3, 2009, 1:00 p.m., Harper Hall

Dear Piano Teachers,

The Lawrence Academy of Music Piano Department will sponsor its annual spring Piano Festival on **Saturday, April 25, 2009** at the Conservatory of Music on the Lawrence campus. Students K through 12 are invited to participate. They will be grouped for performance according to their grade in school (K-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-7; 8-9; 10-11-12). Several winners and honorable mentions will be named at each level, based upon overall scores (70 percent performance, 10 percent musicianship, 20 percent theory). Winners will be invited to perform in a Festival Recital on Sunday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. in Harper Hall. All Piano Festival participants will receive a certificate of achievement on the day of the Festival.

Performance

All students are required to perform from memory one twentieth century piece and a second piece in a contrasting style, preferably from a different time period. When selecting literature, please avoid pop, jazz, blues and arrangements. Pieces must be at least 16 measures long (in the K-1 level, only one piece must be at least 16 measures), and all students must provide their own music. No photocopies are allowed.

Please take care when selecting a piece to fulfill the contemporary requirement. The piece must be contemporary in terms of when it was written, and also in terms of style--it should clearly utilize contemporary idioms. A list of suggested repertoire is included, although, due to the very nature of contemporary music, it is by no means complete. If you have questions about the suitability of repertoire, please contact **Mary Van De Loo**, Piano Festival Coordinator, at (920) 832-6632.

Musicianship

Judges will also administer the musicianship portion of the festival. Requirements include scale and chord progressions for each piece, knowledge of musical markings, composers and form of pieces. Judges may ask questions not listed in the guidelines for each level, but the extra questions will not be included in the musicianship score. Please consult the musicianship guideline sheet for specific requirements at each level.

Theory Exam

Students will take a separate theory test (in a different room), either before or after they perform. By following the guidelines on the enclosed sheet, teachers should choose an appropriate theory level for each student. Past tests may be viewed and printed from our website at www.lawrence.edu/dept/acad_music/events.shtml.

Registration Information

Please complete one information sheet for each student, duplicating additional copies as needed. As a teacher, you are expected to work at least part of the day. A teacher work form is included. If you are unable to work, please make arrangements with a parent or sub to work for you and include that information on your registration form. Including your e-mail address on the registration and work forms indicates your agreement to accept all festival correspondence electronically.

Completed forms must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 27, 2009; no late entries will be accepted.

Fee: \$17 Grades K-5 and \$22 Grades 6-12. One check should be sent for all students entered by a teacher, payable to Lawrence Academy of Music. Fees are non-refundable.

We thank you for your willingness to help provide challenge and incentive to these young pianists.

Sincerely,
Mary Van De Loo
Piano Festival Coordinator
920-832-6632

Each teacher is expected to contribute a portion of the day to assist us in running the event. Please include this form when submitting your student information forms. A work schedule will be sent with the student schedule two weeks prior to the festival.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

(Including your e-mail address indicates your agreement to accept all festival correspondence electronically.)

I will help _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

I am available all day _____

Students entered: Grades K-5 _____ x \$17 = _____

 Grades 6-12 _____ x \$22 = _____

Total fee enclosed _____

Make check payable to Lawrence Academy of Music and mail to:

**Lawrence Academy of Music
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Lawrence Academy of Music Piano Festival Student Information Form

PLEASE PRINT

Student Name: _____ Grade in School: _____

Theory Test Level: Pre-Elem Early Elem. Late Elem. Early Intermed. Late Intermed. Early Adv. Late Adv.
(please circle)

Instructor's Name: _____

Instructor's Phone Number: _____

Instructor's Address: _____

Instructor's E-mail _____

(Including your e-mail address indicates your agreement to accept all festival correspondence electronically.)

Composition 1: Title: _____

Composer: _____

Composition 2: Title: _____

Composer: _____

Does either piece use inside of piano? yes _____ no _____

(Note: pieces for prepared piano are not allowed)

Siblings in Festival [list name(s) and grade(s)]:

Performance preference: _____ a.m. _____ p.m.

(Because we generally only have enough K-1 students for a half-day of judging, please make a.m. or p.m. requests at the K-1 level only if absolutely necessary.)

Special requests (visual difficulty, etc.) _____

Mail or deliver form with work form/fee statement by **March 27** (postmarked) to:

Piano Festival
Lawrence Academy of Music
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****NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED****

****NO CHANGES WILL BE ALLOWED ONCE SCHEDULING IS COMPLETED****