

GMTA AUDITIONS INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

College Piano

Forward

The Georgia Music Teachers Association auditions are dedicated to the promotion of excellence in solo piano performance. GMTA Auditions guidelines are set and regulated by GMTA.

Requirements

1. The GMTA college piano auditions are open to students who meet the following criteria:

Lower College/Adult: No more than 6 quarters or 4 semesters or equivalent of post-high school study of piano (college or private-studio study.)

Middle College/Adult: More than 6 quarters or 4 semesters and no more than 12 quarters or 8 semesters or equivalent of post-high school study of piano (college or private-studio study.)

Upper College/Adult: More than 12 quarters or 8 semesters or equivalent of post-high school study of piano (college or private-studio study.)

2. Students are to required to perform **three** pieces from any three of the five musical periods:

Baroque / Classical / Romantic /impressionistic / Contemporary

Note: A single movement from a sonata or suite may count as a piece. Also, several short movements, including selections from theme and variations, may be grouped to count as a single piece, when appropriate. Any other sectional pieces, such as fantasies, must be performed in their entirety. Contemporary pedagogical repertory is considered "contemporary" regardless of style. When selecting a composer whose dates span two consecutive periods, it would be best to classify that composer by compositional style. Contact the Vice-President, GMTA Auditions, regarding repertoire concerns **prior** to submitting the application to the local association or appropriate chair.

3. Memorization of the three piano pieces is **required**.

4. Participating students must be currently studying piano with a teacher who is a professional member of GMTA in good standing. Student members paying student membership dues are not permitted to enter students in the Auditions. Student teachers paying professional GMTA membership dues may enter students.

5. Teachers entering students must be a member of a local association, GMTA and MTNA to enter students in pre-college piano auditions. All membership dues must be effective by the date of the **LOCAL Audition** for Pre-College Piano entrants.

6. All auditions are to be performed **in person** on the specified state audition date. (No recordings, no make-ups)

7. There will be no minimum or maximum time limits for repertory. Students will be allotted the **maximum** times of 15 minutes for the college piano audition. For example, a student may perform three pieces totaling 20 minutes in length, with the understanding that the judge will hear a **maximum** of 15 minutes of the program. Judges may stop a student before the maximum time has expired in order to write comments, etc.

General Information

1. Only teachers receive information regarding auditions, schedules, etc.; therefore it is the responsibility of the teacher to give full details concerning the auditions to the student entrants.

2. Application fees are non-refundable.

3. Auditions will be closed.

4. In no way are teachers, students, and parents to identify themselves to the judge, nor converse with the judge before or during the auditions or at any time before the judge's decision is announced.

5. **The decision of the judge is final and cannot be questioned by the participant, teacher, parent or chair.** Any teacher who contacts a judge following the GMTA Auditions, in an effort to challenge, clarify, or question a student's rating or comments, may forfeit the right to enter students in the following year's auditions.

6. Students may choose the first piece to perform at the auditions. The judge must stop a student if hearing the pieces in their entirety will exceed

the time allotment. **[Judges may choose to stop a student on any or all pieces if hearing the pieces in their entirety will exceed the time allotment.]** Judges may stop students before the maximum time has expired in order to write. The monitor may only signal the judge when time is up.

7. At the judge's discretion, a Conference Recitalist (where applicable) need not be declared.

8. Comment Sheets and Certificates from the auditions will be mailed to the teacher of the participating student.

9. Teachers are not to locate and contact Auditions staff on the night following auditions. If the results are desired before the appearance of the next Newsletter, the Local Association/teacher should appoint someone to obtain this information after announcements are made. Please do not request or expect any exception to this policy.

10. COMMENTS ONLY - Students in all divisions may enter at the appropriate grade level for COMMENTS ONLY. Teachers should clearly indicate on the application form that the performance is for COMMENTS ONLY.

11. Only the Vice-President, GMTA Auditions, has the authority to disqualify a contestant. Judges, individual chairs, and coordinators should submit their questions to the Vice-President, GMTA Auditions.

12. Students who perform different repertoire from that which is on the application form will be disqualified.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

Approximately 50% of the entrants in each grade/level audition will be recognized with "Outstanding Performer", "Award of Excellence", or "Honorable Mention" Awards.

However, if there are less than six contestants in a category, then the number and level of awards will be at the discretion of the judge. Award winners will be recognized in an issue of the *GMTA Newsletter*.

Certificate awards will be given for each grade/level in all Divisions/ Instruments and Voice as follows:

1. **"OUTSTANDING PERFORMER"**: Students receiving this **highest award** will receive "Outstanding Performer" on their certificates. One of these students from each grade/level in each Division will be selected by the judge as a "Conference Recitalist" and will perform at the fall GMTA Conference.

"Conference Recitalists" may perform a piece different from the auditions repertory, but the maximum time of **7 minutes** must be observed

2. **"AWARD OF EXCELLENCE"**: Students receiving this **second highest award** will receive "Award of Excellence" on their certificates.
3. **"HONORABLE MENTION"**: Students receiving this **third highest award** will receive "Honorable Mention" on their certificates.
4. All other entrants will receive "Participant" certificates.