

GMTA AUDITIONS INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

Piano Concerto

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

SECTION A: LOGISTICS

Dates: 2008 GMTA Piano Concerto Auditions

May 9-10, 2008

Deadline for application: postmarked by April 7, 2008

Location:

University of Georgia, Hugh Hodgson School of Music, 250 River Road, Athens, Georgia, 30602

Application Form:

Application forms are included in the GMTA Directory and are also found online at the GMTA web site www.georgiamta.org. Photocopy forms as needed. Complete the application form, include Audition Fee and mail to the appropriate Auditions Chair by the postmark deadline date.

Fees:

Student Fee: \$21.00 For each GMTA Auditions performance event entered

Teacher Fee: \$20.00 One-time fee regardless of number of students entered in the GMTA Auditions.

SECTION B: GRADE LEVEL DIVISIONS

1. The GMTA Piano Concerto Auditions are open to students in Grades 9 through 11. All references to grades mean school grade levels.

SECTION C: REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are to perform *only* one movement of any concerto written by any composer.

2. Memorization of the Piano Concerto is *Required*.

3. A single movement from a sonata or suite may count as a piece. Also, several 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. Certain transcriptions may be used with the permission of the Vice-President/GMTA Auditions. It is strongly recommended that the same repertoire not be used two years (or more) in a row. Contact the Vice-President/GMTA Auditions regarding repertoire concerns **prior** to submitting the application to the local association or appropriate chair.

4. There will be no minimum or maximum time limits for repertoire. Students will be allotted the **maximum** times of 15 minutes for the piano concerto audition. For example, a student may perform a concerto movement 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.

SECTION D: ELIGIBILITY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

1. 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.

2. Teachers entering students must be a member of GMTA and MTNA in order to enter students in the GMTA Piano Concerto Auditions. All membership dues must be effective by the **Piano Concerto Application Deadline**.

3. All membership dues must be effective by the date of the Audition Application Deadline or as set by the Local Association.

4. **Previous winners of the GMTA Piano Concerto Auditions may not compete in the competition again.**

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

5. The entrant must provide an accompanist if the music calls for it. There is no restriction in the choice of accompanist.

6. 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.

7. **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.

8. Students may choose the first piece to perform at the auditions, with the judge choosing the order of the repertory performance thereafter when there are more than two pieces. 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 comments. The monitor may only signal the judge when the allotted time is up.

9. At the judge's discretion, a Winner need not be declared.

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

11. COMMENTS ONLY - Students in all divisions may enter at the appropriate grade level for COMMENTS ONLY.

12. 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.

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

14. Scores: For all auditions, entrants must provide the judge with one copy of the music with measures numbered. **PHOTOCOPIES AND HANDWRITTEN COPIES ARE PROHIBITED FOR THE JUDGE'S, STUDENT'S, OR ACCOMPANIST'S USE.** Accompanists may use reproductions of single pages to facilitate page turns, but the appropriate published score must also be present on the music stand.

15. All applications will be checked for appropriate literature, signatures and current membership of teachers. Applications not meeting these criteria are subject to disqualification.

16. Failure to abide by the rules, regulations and requirements as outlined by GMTA (and local associations, where applicable) will result in the disqualification of a contestant.

SECTION F: AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

1. Each participant will receive a certificate.
2. A Winner and Alternate or Honorable Mention may be named.
3. The winner will be presented in performance at the annual GMTA Conference with a piano accompanist. The concerto accompanist will be given an honorarium in the amount of \$75.00. The choice of piano accompanist is made by the student and student's teacher. GMTA does not provide an accompanist for the concerto performance at the conference.
4. Previous winners may not compete in the competition again.
5. The Piano Concerto winner and Alternate or Honorable Mention, if so named by the judge, will be recognized in an issue of the *GMTA Newsletter* and posted on the *GMTA web site*:
www.georgiamta.org