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THE MISSOURI
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PROUDLY PRESENT

THE 19TH ANNUAL
Piano Student
Showcase

November 15, 2020 | 4:00 pm

In-person will be either Missouri Theatre or 1st Baptist Church OR video tape may be submitted. TheMOSY.org/Piano-Showcase for updates after Sept. 28.

AUDITIONS

October 31, 2020 | 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Students may audition in person at the Compass Evangelical Free Church, 600 Silvey Street, Columbia OR submit a video audition by October 25th. Go to TheMOSY.org/Piano-showcase for updates after Sept. 28.

2020 PIANO STUDENT SHOWCASE

Information Sheet

Application and Entry Fee Deadline: October 5, 2020

Auditions: October 31, 2020, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Students audition in-person at Compass Evangelical Free Church, 600 Silvey, Columbia MO
OR

Students send in video audition by midnight, Sunday October 25th

Rehearsal & Performance: November 15, 2020

First Baptist Church (or Missouri Theatre if MU changes) Rehearsal at 1:00 Concert at 4:00
OR

Students can send in video performance by midnight Sunday, November 8, 2020

The Piano Student Showcase is for mid-Missouri students (kindergarten through 12th grade). Mid-Missouri is defined as District IV (Central) of MMTA and includes the following counties: Audrain, Benton, Boone, Callaway, Camden, Chariton, Cole, Cooper, Gasconade, Howard, Maries, Miller, Moniteau, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Osage, Pettis, Phelps, Ralls, Randolph, Saline.

2020 has been a difficult year for young musicians and their instructors. We hope you will encourage your students to participate in this wonderful piano competition. The students need something to look forward to and the Missouri Symphony League is committed to having a safe, enriching, in-person experience for them.

However, this is a year when options must be provided. Therefore, if a student does not feel safe auditioning in-person or if selected, performing in-person at the concert, we have established options for those students to submit video auditions and/or video performances. The decisions of in-person vs taped are separate for each event – a student may submit a video audition but decide to compete in person at the Showcase Concert. Likewise, a student who appears in person for an audition, may have a family or health change and not be able to perform in person at the Showcase Concert and therefore decides to submit a video performance.

There have been several changes from the 2019 Piano Student Showcase Instructions and from earlier versions of the 2020 Piano Student Showcase instructions. TEACHERS, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS DOCUMENT TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the members of the Missouri Symphony League Piano Student Showcase Planning Committee:

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AUDITION PROCEDURES

October 5, 2020 - Audition forms and fees due.

Audition forms now include a brief bio of the student which will be used if the student is selected for the Showcase – see below for the guidelines for the bio. Audition application also includes a question whether the student plans to appear in person or submit a video

Showcase audition fees - \$25 per student

Teachers may complete the Student Applications forms online at <https://mosymphonysociety.z2systems.com/event.jsp?event=222&> (this link is also available on our website, <https://themosy.org/piano-showcase/> or deliver or mail or email the forms as instructed on the forms. The money can be paid by check mailed or delivered to the Symphony office or can be paid on-line by credit card with the instructions on the Teachers Cover Sheet.

Read the General Audition Provisions and depending on the choice made – follow either In-person Audition Requirements or Video Audition Requirements.

GENERAL AUDITION PROVISIONS

1. The students will be assigned by age group (based on October 31, 2020 age) for their auditions. The age groups will be 5 – 9 years; 10 – 12 years; 13 – 14 years; and 15 – 18 years.
2. All students who audition (whether in person or by video) will be awarded a personalized certificate verifying their participation. [NEW – unlike 2019, these certificates will not give the judges' decision on Showcase participation – that information will be provided by email to the piano teachers within 24 hours of the auditions.]
3. **No composition shall exceed 6 minutes of music.** [This is a NEW requirement based on MSHSAA guidelines that were published for 2019 events. However, unlike MSHSAA, the Piano Student Showcase judges will not stop the audition at the end of maximum time.]
4. **Each application must include a brief bio of the student.** [NEW requirement for auditions, since the 2020 auditions are within 2 weeks of the Showcase.] The bios must be provided by email to nancygriggs67@yahoo.com in an editable format, e.g. e-mail, Microsoft word, Google docs, etc. The word limit for the bios are as follows based on age of the participant.
 - a. 5 – 9 years – 75 words.
 - b. 10 – 12 years – 90 words.
 - c. 13 – 14 years – 100 words.
 - d. 15 – 18 years – 120 words
 - e. The purpose of the bios is to provide a very brief introduction of the student to the audience; please provide what the student or parent feels are the most interesting items for the audience to know. The bio must include the child's name, grade in school, teacher's name. The bio can include anecdotal and factual information on SOME, NOT ALL, of the following topics – please stay within the word limit:
 - how long he/she studied piano
 - why he/she began piano
 - most significant piano activities and awards (recitals, auditions, competitions, etc.)
 - other musical activities and/or groups
 - other school activities
 - hobbies
 - favorite composer or period of music

5. If bios exceeding these words limits are provided, the Showcase Planning Committee will edit the bio to not exceed the word limit. The bio will not be adjusted by the student after it is submitted.
6. Each student will perform one composition. If the student has already performed a piece in a prior Piano Student Showcase, please do not audition with the same composition.
7. Multiple students may audition with the same composition and multiple students may be selected to perform the same composition in the Showcase concert. When the audition list is provided to the teachers, any teacher seeing their student has the same composition as another student may ask for the composition to be changed for their student (this is just an option and if it causes stress for the student to change, please allow them to proceed with the original selected composition).
8. Please do not observe repeat sign unless the composition is about one minute. Repeats for 1st and 2nd endings may be observed.

Two judges, highly regarded piano instructors from outside the Central Missouri area, will determine the students who will be performing at the 2020 Piano Student Showcase. The judges will hear both the in-person auditions and the video auditions before discussing the auditions and making their decisions. The judges will select students from each age group proportionate to the number auditioning (either in-person or by video) from that age group. Judges are not provided any student names, personal information (except age and sex) or piano teacher names for the students auditioning. Their evaluation is totally independent based on students who perform to the highest standards.

Rating sheets will be returned personally to the teachers at the auditions or mailed/e-mailed at the conclusion of the auditions if the teacher is not available. Teachers will review the rating sheets with the students.

Within 24 hours of completion of the auditions, the teachers will receive an email listing their students who were selected for the Piano Student Showcase

OPTION 1: IN-PERSON AUDITION (in addition to the general audition provisions)

1. The in-person auditions will be held at Compass Evangelical Free Church, 600 Silvey St, Columbia, MO 65203.
2. All Covid-19 procedures apply to the auditions – if anything changes in City policies, an up to date list of these policies will be provided to the teachers and posted on <https://themosy.org/piano-showcase/> before the auditions:
 - a. Persons arriving for the auditions will be asked to inform an audition volunteer and remain in the car until it is time for the student's audition. Students and their parents may be required to wait in their car until called in to the audition.
 - b. The volunteer will let the student know when it is appropriate to enter the building.
 - c. Attendance at the audition will be limited to 1 student, 2 parents and 1 teacher.
 - d. All persons must acknowledge they have read the symptom checklist and have NO positive responses.
 - e. Contact information for one person in the group will be required in case it is necessary to do contact tracing after the event.
 - f. Social distancing will be required while waiting to check-in to the auditions or to enter the audition room.
 - g. Masks will be required to enter the building, but for the student, the student's mask can be removed when auditioning or performing. Per the Columbia City ordinance, some persons are exempt from the requirement, e.g. children under 10, but all persons who can wear a mask will be encouraged to do so.
 - h. **Please bring your own masks**, although a small number will be provided by the League for those who forget to bring their own.

- i. Hand sanitizer will be provided and all individuals entering the auditions will be asked to use it, and it will be offered to participants after their audition.
 - j. Seating will only be provided in designated areas in the auditions to assure social distancing.
 - k. Every effort will be made so that students entering the stage and exiting the stage do not pass.
 - l. The audition judges will be placed at least 6 feet from the student and the audience.
 - m. A protocol will be followed when exiting the sanctuary.
 - n. All attendees must follow instructions provided to assure a healthy environment. Any attendee who does not follow the above requirements will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to audition.
3. The students will be given a specific audition time and they will be expected to arrive 15 minutes early. They may be asked to remain in their car and text one of the volunteers – the specific instructions will be emailed to teachers with the list of live auditions.
 4. The students must be on time with their music in hand or the audition cannot proceed. Teachers will be notified of the scheduled appointment for each student a week before the auditions.
 5. Performance attire is recommended at the auditions. Please, no jeans, tee shirts, sweatpants or sneakers.
 6. Students will submit their music when they check in for the audition; they should number the measures of their music and cover any identifying names of students or teachers. -
 7. The music will be returned shortly after their audition along with their Certificate of Participation. The student will be free to leave the auditions as soon as their certificate and music are provided to them.
[NEW: as stated above, the certificate will not provide the Judges' decision on the student being selected for the Showcase.]
 8. Parents and persons in the audience must be respectful to all performers – no talking, please silence all cell phones.
 9. The student, family and teacher must then leave the auditions to comply with Covid 19 rules.

OPTION 2: VIDEO TAPE SUBMITTED FOR AUDITION (in addition to the general audition provisions)

Instead of auditioning in person, a student may submit a video **NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY OCTOBER 25, 2020.**

The video auditions will be interspersed according to age with the live auditions on Saturday October 31st and will be evaluated by the judges at that time.

We will follow the submission requirements as published by MMTA for Honors Auditions (August 17th version).

1. All submissions must include video where the performer is clearly visible. The quality of the recording device, the space where the recording is made, and the instrument used will not be factors in adjudication.
2. Make sure it is clear in the video that no printed music is present. For piano, the performer's face, fingers, and feet should be visible, and the camera should be angled in such a way that the adjudicator can see that there is no printed music inside the piano.
3. Competitors will upload individual videos of each musical selection to an unlisted YouTube channel and then submit a link to the Piano Showcase Planning Committee chair nancygriggs67@yahoo.com.
4. Make sure there is nothing on the video identifying the competitor's name, teacher, or other personal information. The video should be identified as PSSAuditionStudent(number) - the student number will be assigned after all applications for auditions are received. The student number will be noted on the audition list provided to the teacher on October 10.

Additional requirements for video audition

- The student must be wearing performance attire. Please, no jeans, tee shirts, sweatpants or sneakers.
- **The student or teacher will email a photocopy of the music to nancygriggs67@yahoo.com by midnight Sunday, October 25th.** They should number the measures of their music and cover any identifying names of students or teachers.

- The email providing the music and all copies of it must be destroyed by the teacher, student, judges and others receiving a copy as soon as the auditions are complete.

To produce the recording, MMTA has published a video to assist, please review it (beginning about 2 minutes in – the first part is specific to MMTA).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1807y1iFGE&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=D5P10N11

PIANO SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE AND REHEARSAL PROCEDURES

GENERAL PERFORMANCE PROVISIONS

Within 24 hours after the auditions, a list of students selected to perform in the Piano Showcase Concert will be emailed to the teachers.

Those students selected for the Showcase Concert may choose to perform in person or by submitting a video which will be included in the Piano Student Showcase Concert video and may be shown at the Piano Student Showcase Concert.

The students who are performing in their 3rd, 5th, or 10th Piano Student Showcase (whether in person or by video) will be provided an award immediately following their performance.

The Piano Student Showcase will be **videotaped by Mediacom**. **If a student opts to submit a video for the performance, it will be incorporated into the video** and the video will be aired on Mediacom and a copy provided to each piano teacher with Showcase entries.

OPTION 1: IN PERSON REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE

All Covid-19 procedures apply to the performance. The latest Covid-19 procedures will be posted on our website a few days prior to the Showcase concert. Please check there for the requirements that will be followed <https://themosy.org/piano-showcase/>

- a. Social distancing will be required while waiting to enter the performance location.
- b. Attendance will be limited based on the maximum capacity allowed at the facility on November 15th.
- c. Masks will be required to enter the buildings, but for the student, the student's mask can be removed when rehearsing or performing. Per the Columbia City ordinance, some persons are exempt from the requirement, e.g. children under 10, but all persons who can wear a mask will be encouraged to do so. **Please bring your own masks**, although a small number will be provided by the League for those who forget to bring their own.
- d. Hand sanitizer will be provided and all individuals entering the performance will be asked to use it, and it will be offered to participants after their performance.
- e. Contact information for one person in the group will be required in case it is necessary to do contact tracing after the event.
- f. Seating will only be provided in designated areas to assure social distancing.
- g. Every effort will be made so that students entering the stage and exiting the stage do not pass.
- h. The program announcer will be placed at least 6 feet from the student and the audience.
- i. A protocol will be followed when exiting the concert venue.
- j. All attendees must follow instructions provided to assure social distancing.

The rehearsal will be at the First Baptist Church (although we may still be able to acquire the Missouri Theatre) on Sunday, November 15, 2020, preceding the performance. The students in the first half of the Piano Student

Showcase event should arrive at 1:00 pm for rehearsal and the students in the second half should arrive by 2:00 pm for their rehearsal (exact times may be adjusted as we know how many students will be performing).

Families are free to leave after the student's rehearsal. The dress rehearsal may be taped or photographed by the families, provided social distancing is maintained.

The Piano Student Showcase on Sunday, November 15, 2020, 4:00 pm will be divided into two halves. Each half of the performance will have representation of all age groups and the schedule will be set by Maestro Trevor with consideration as to the music flow and age of the performers.

Attendees and parents will not be allowed to take group or student pictures or videos during or after the Showcase. **[NEW: We regret that we must implement the no photo requirement during and after the Piano Student Showcase for two reasons: One is to assure social distancing and two is to not interfere with the enjoyment of others].**

We will have a professional photographer (or professionally-equipped photographer) taking pictures during the student's performance and those digital photos will be provided to the music teachers to provide to the families.

We will NOT be providing refreshments at any time during the rehearsals, or performance due to Covid-19.

Please encourage your students to stay for the entire Piano Student Showcase concert, unless Covid-19 procedures dictate otherwise.

OPTION 2: SUBMISSION OF VIDEO RECORDING FOR THE PIANO SHOWCASE CONCERT.

If the student chooses not to appear at the Piano Student Showcase in person, due to the Covid situation, they will be allowed to submit a video. A video submission will be treated as a Showcase appearance for the awards for multiple showcase appearances and for the Piano Student Showcase video.

If the student provided a video for the auditions, the same video can be used for the Showcase concert.

If the student wants to submit a new video for the concert or appeared in person for the auditions, the following rules, slightly different than the audition video, apply:

1. The performance video must be submitted no later than **MIDNIGHT, NOVEMBER 8, 2020.**
2. Video must have the performer clearly visible.
3. Make sure it is clear in the video that no printed music is present.
4. Students will upload individual video to an unlisted YouTube channel and then submit a link to the Piano Showcase Planning Committee chair nancygriggs67@yahoo.com.
5. Make sure there is nothing on the video identifying the competitor's name, teacher, or other personal information.

To produce the recording, MMTA has published a video to assist, please review it (beginning about 2 minutes in – the first part is specific to MMTA).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1807y1iFGE&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=D5P10N11

Thank you so much for your support of the 2020 Piano Student Showcase!

Since there are so many revisions for the 2020 Piano Student Showcase and auditions, please feel free to contact any of the members of the Planning Committee for the Piano Student Showcase listed on page 2.

The Missouri Symphony League PIANO STUDENT SHOWCASE

Due Date for applications and entry fees: October 5, 2020

Auditions: Saturday, October 31, 2020, (if video, submit by midnight, October 25)

Performance: Sunday, November 15, 2020 (if video appearance, submit by midnight November 8)

Teacher Cover Sheet

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Teacher's Email _____ **& Phone (_____)** _____

If you do not use email, please check if you prefer telephone or postal communication

Teachers: Please fill out one Student Application Form (on-line or in paper form) for each student participating.

Entry Fees:

\$25...Showcase audition fee.

Total Number of Students Auditioning _____

Total Fees Included _____

Enter forms and payment electronically: Use the following link to find the online Teacher Cover Sheet and Student Application Form <https://mosymphonysociety.z2systems.com/event.jsp?event=222&>

or

Mail forms and check to: The Missouri Symphony, PO Box 841, Columbia, MO 65205

or

Deliver forms and checks to the Missouri Theatre Box Office clearly labeled "Piano Showcase Applications." If you leave them at the box office, please e-mail nancygriggs67@yahoo.com, so they can be picked up.

or

Scan and email forms to: nancygriggs67@yahoo.com and mail or deliver check to the Missouri Symphony or pay online.

To pay audition fees online, go to TheMOSY.org and select "Make a Donation" in the upper right. In the Comment field, enter PIANO SHOWCASE and the number of students who are auditioning - we will match the number to the applications you have mailed or emailed.

STUDENT BIOS: Must be emailed singly or as a group in editable form to nancygriggs67@yahoo.com

Due Date for applications, bios, and entry fees: October 5, 2020

Thank you for your support of the Piano Showcase!

The Missouri Symphony League
PIANO STUDENT SHOWCASE

Due Date for application forms and entry fees: October 5, 2020

Auditions: Saturday, October 31, 2020

Performance: Sunday November 15, 2020

Student Application Form

One application for each student participating or complete the on-line form.

Name _____ **Age on Oct 31, 2020** _____ **Grade** _____ **Sex** (circle 1) M F

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Parent Email _____ **& Phone (_____)** _____

Composition _____

Composer _____ **Length (min:sec)** _____

Currently, the student plans to **[attend the auditions] OR [submit video audition]**. (Circle one)

Photos taken:

- May be published without further approval
- Please contact student/parent before publishing

I have informed this student and/or his/her parents that the event may be **videotaped by Mediacom** and the video will be aired on Mediacom and a copy provided to each piano teacher with Showcase entries. And they have agreed to this arrangement.

Teacher's Name _____

Please complete the Teacher Cover Sheet with address, e-mail and phone.

Entry Fees:

- \$25 Showcase audition fee**

Instructions for submitting these applications are outlined on the Teacher Cover Sheet.

STUDENT BIOS: Must be emailed singly or as a group in editable form to nancygriggs67@yahoo.com

Due Date for applications, bios, and entry fees: October 5, 2020

Thank you for your participation in the Piano Showcase