

Music Teachers' Association of California –Los Angeles County Branch
Contemporary Festival For Pianists

Saturday, January 25, 2025
(closed Festival, no audience)

Guidelines

1. Open to students of all members in good standing in the MTAC Los Angeles Branch.
2. Students enter the Festival according to their age as of **January 25, 2025**.
3. **Online registration will be open on January 1, 2025, the deadline is January 11, 2025;** please see the **Online Registration Process** for more details; parents will need to upload students' proof of age and pay the fees **Online**; the whole process must be completed by **January 11, 2025 @ 11:59PM**, late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.
4. Choose one or two original solo compositions to be performed **within the time limit**, by any **Contemporary** period composer(s) chosen **only** from the MTAC CM Piano Syllabus 2012, pages 164 to 169 (Category 4: 20th & 21st Centuries)
5. Music is to be performed from memory.
6. Original music with measures numbered must be provided for the judges. Photocopies are not allowed. ***Students will not receive any awards if music is not provided.***
7. Participation trophies will be presented to every student immediately following each category.
8. The first three place winners of each category will receive gift certificates as awards. Honorable mentions may be awarded at the judges' discretion. Teachers of winning students will be contacted by the chairperson after the Festival.
9. Decisions of the judges are final.
10. Application fees are non-refundable.
11. Teachers may submit a maximum of **two** students per category.
12. First Place winners from the **2024** Contemporary Festival may not compete again in the same category.
13. Students may compete **only** in their **current** age categories.
14. No photography or recording of any kind is allowed during the Festival.

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Ages</u>	<u>Time Limits</u>	<u>Application Fees</u>	<u>Awards</u>
Category I	8 and under	4 mins	\$35	\$40, \$35, \$30
Category II	9-10	5 mins	\$40	\$45, \$40, \$35
Category III	11-12	5 mins	\$40	\$45, \$40, \$35
Category IV	13-14	6 mins	\$45	\$50, \$45, \$40
Category V	15-16	6 mins	\$45	\$50, \$45, \$40
Category VI	17-18	7 mins	\$50	\$55, \$50, \$45