

Music Teachers' Association of California - Los Angeles County Branch



Romantic Festival For Pianists

Saturday afternoon, January 30, 2027
Truth Theological Seminary, Arcadia
(Limited seating for audience, see #15 below)

Rules and Guidelines

1. Open to students of all members in good standing with the MTAC Los Angeles Branch.
2. Students enter the Festival according to their age as of **January 30, 2027**.
3. **Online registration will be open on January 1-16, 2027, at mtaclacounty.org.** Parents must provide students' proof of age and pay the fees **Online**; the whole process must be completed by **January 16, 2027 @ 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 Romantic/Impressionism period composer(s) listed **only** from the **New MTAC Online CM Piano Syllabus, 2025 edition, Section 5: Reference, Category 3: Romantic and Impressionism Periods**.
5. Music is to be performed from memory.
6. Original music with measures numbered must be provided to the judges. Photocopies are not allowed. ***Students will not receive any awards if music is not provided.***
7. Participation trophies will be presented to students following each performance.
8. The **four winners** of each category will receive gift cards as awards. Honorable mentions, if awarded, will receive rosettes. Decisions of the judges are final.
9. All participating teachers will receive the results via email within 24 hours after conclusion of the festival. Results will be posted on the website after 2/6/2027.
10. Teachers may submit a maximum of **two** students per category.
11. First Place winners from the **2026** Romantic Festival may not compete again in the same category.

12. Students may compete **only** in their **current** age categories.
13. Parents and teachers must honor the current **MTAC Los Angeles County Branch Recording and Attendance Policy** in order to participate in the event.
14. For additional questions, please follow the **Line of Communication Protocol**:
Parents & Students -Teacher- Event Chair- Branch President
15. Due to limited space, **only 3 students and their guests (2 per student) will be allowed in the venue at a time.**

Categories	Ages	Time Limits	Application Fees	Awards
Category I	8 and under	4 mins	\$50	\$55, \$50, \$45, \$40
Category II	9-10	5 mins	\$55	\$60, \$55, \$50, \$45
Category III	11-12	5 mins	\$55	\$60, \$55, \$50, \$45
Category IV	13-14	6 mins	\$60	\$65, \$60, \$55, \$50
Category V	15-16	6 mins	\$60	\$65, \$60, \$55, \$55
Category VI	17-18	7 mins	\$60	\$65, \$60, \$55, \$50