

Explanation of Student Events

Abbreviations: All these organizations have websites.

MTAC – Music Teachers Association of California

TVMTA -- Temecula Valley Music Teachers Association

CAPMT – California Association of Professional Music Teachers

MTNA – Music Teachers National Association

NPG – National Piano Guild / American College of Musicians

Events are approximately in order of when they happen.

All events require music to be memorized.

MTAC Musicales. (On Saturdays) Fee: \$5. These recitals feature students of many different instruments: piano, voice, violin, cello, and flute. Open to elementary to advanced students. Pieces must be memorized. In addition to the classical recitals each time there is a Halloween themed recital in October, a Holiday Recital in December and a Pop/Student Composers' recital in May.

TVMTA Student Recitals. (On Saturdays) Fee \$10. These recitals feature piano students of all ages and levels. The December recital is Holiday themed, but classical is OK, too.

CAPMT Piano and Ensemble Auditions. (On Saturdays) Students, in all ages and levels, including college students and adults, are adjudicated on their performance of two memorized solos and one ensemble composition at the District and Chapter level. Students receiving a performance rating of 5 will be invited (but not required) to perform at the CAPMT Piano and Ensemble Festival, Northern or Southern Division. Trophies are awarded to top level students.

MTAC Sonatina/Sonata Festival. (On Saturday) In this event, students are evaluated on their interpretations of the Sonatina and Sonata forms from all time periods. Students receiving a rating of 5 receive trophies.

MTAC Contemporary Festival. (On Saturday) This event is in recital format and features music of the 20th and the 21st Centuries.

Inland Empire Piano Festival (on Sundays) is a piano competition for students age 7 through 18. Held annually in February, the competition focuses on the music of a different historical period each year, alternating between the music of the Classical, Romantic, and Contemporary Periods. The 2012 event will center on Classical Composers (those alive between 1750 and 1820). Trophies are given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention winners.

Southern California Junior Bach Festival (on Sundays) provides an opportunity for students to explore and appreciate the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. It stresses a high level of achievement and offers three levels of competition: Branch Festival, Regional Festival, and the Complete Works Audition. Usually held in February or early March.

MTAC Certificate of Merit Program. (Testing and Honors Recital on Saturdays).

A comprehensive music test for Level Preparatory to Advanced. Students must sign up in October for testing the following year. Trophies are awarded to any students receiving 100% on their theory tests and passing all other components of the test. Its goals are:

- To provide a systematic and comprehensive plan to develop performance skill, technique, ear-training and sight reading skills, and understanding of music theory.
- To provide practical goals to help students maintain a steady and focused appreciation of their musical studies
- To encourage students to strive for musical excellence
- To create opportunities in which students may share their music

Steinway Society Awards Festival. (On Sundays) The Steinway Society of Riverside County is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote piano performance and music education, and to give study awards. The Awards Festival purpose is to award talented young piano students and give them an opportunity to perform and work with master teachers.

Participants will play in a master class for each teacher and in a recital. Award winners will be selected on the basis of their performance in all three venues. Applicants must be residents of Riverside or San Bernardino County. Festival participants will be divided into Junior and Senior levels. Five study awards of \$500.00 will be awarded at both Junior and Senior Levels.

Junior Level - Through grade 8, MTAC Certificate or Merit, **level 5 and above**

Senior Level - Grades 9-12 (age limit 18)

CAPMT Student Evaluations. (On Saturday) Held yearly in the spring, students are comprehensively evaluated in the areas of performance, technique, theory and aural skills. This is very similar to Certificate of Merit, except that there is more freedom in the pieces chosen and more verbal contact with the evaluator. Students sign up during the month before the testing. Passing students receive trophies.

TVMTA Temecula Spring Music Festival. (Evaluations and recital on Saturdays) Open to students of all levels and ages. This event is meant to provide music students the opportunity and experience of preparing and performing two contrasting solos of differing styles or time periods for adjudication. Memory is required. Medals are awarded.

NPG (Guild Auditions). (On Sunday) Yearly auditions are held in over 863 US cities and 17 foreign countries. Students are adjudicated by an international panel of judges and receive report cards, certificates, and fraternity pins. Programs are diversified to meet the needs of both students and teachers. Programs are flexible and include repertoire as well as technical goals (musicianship phases). For all levels. Most of my students play in the National Category, in which they perform 10 pieces. It's easier than you think... we just memorize one piece a month starting in August. By the end of May, the students have a whole program ready to play for family, friends, church or for the community.

TVMTA Music in Art Competition This is the second year for this event, in which students in grades 6 through 12 express in artwork their feelings about music in their lives or in society. Monetary awards given.

TVMTA Young Artists Piano Competition. (On Saturday). This competition is for serious elementary to high school students who have exceptional dedication to the piano. Divisions are: Grade 6 and under, 7th-8th Grades, 9th-10th Grades and 11th-12th Grades. Cash prizes are awarded.

Sacred Music Piano Festival (on Sundays) is held annually in the summer and features three divisions (solo, duet, and original composition). Its "non-competitive" format is two-fold: master classes with outstanding clinicians and a Grand Finale Concert showcasing performers from the different divisions selected by the Festival clinicians.