



## Composition Certificate

For students who like to  
create their own songs

The Contra Costa Music Guild  
also offers a Certificate in  
Musical Composition. Any  
student at any level may submit  
one to four musical compositions  
to be judged. They can choose to  
perform the selection(s) live,  
send in a YouTube link, or  
improvise a song in the exam.

We encourage all creative  
students to let us hear your voice  
and hear your compositions!



## Caring and nurturing

All feedback and advice given  
will be designed to support the  
student to grow on their  
instrument. The program is  
designed to let the individuality  
of each student shine through,  
and the teaching artists are well  
known for their ability to provide  
useful, practical and supportive  
advice to students. We believe  
that every child can make music,  
and we strive to keep alive the  
joy of music making.



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## Musical Achievement Program



An achievement program  
for music students of all  
ages

## Q&A



# Certificate of Musical Achievement

The requirements of the program are simple, straightforward and easy for each level. For the beginning levels, ages 4-7, one solo selection is required. For intermediate levels, ages 8-16, there are three required songs, and for advanced levels, ages 16-18, there are four required songs. Adults are also welcome to perform! Students get to choose their own repertoire, thus making this a more personal and enjoyable experience for them.

The exam will be a positive experience for the students. Each exam will be tailored to the individual student and their abilities, and the feedback provided to the student in the video session and in the comment sheets will be focused on helping each student achieve their goals with music and also on helping them find their own individual voice.

Exams will take place over Zoom at a pre-arranged time, and students have the option of submitting a YouTube link for their exam as well as playing in person. The teaching artists will work with each student on their music for a few minutes in a positive and encouraging way so that the student will gain new insights into their songs and how to play them.

After the exam, written commentary will be sent to each student, along with a Certificate of Artistic Achievement.

To sign up for an upcoming exam, please visit our web page at [www.contracostamusicguild.com](http://www.contracostamusicguild.com).

Why the CCMG Achievement Program?

The CCMG Achievement program offers students of all ages the chance to play for and get feedback from music experts in the CCMG. Students are allowed to choose their own repertoire so that the experience is more positive for them, and they don't have to feel like they are having to fit into a box.

Students can use the program certificates for school as extra-curricular activity, and they can also use the certificates for college applications as an indicator of their achievement and hard work.

Any student may enter, and the scheduling of certificate exams is more flexible than that of other music achievement programs.

Students can expect a positive, nurturing environment in the exam. We will focus on building on the strengths of each student and