

## Queen City Music Fest 2026

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

It is with great pleasure that we announce the **21st Queen City Music Fest (QCMF)**, taking place on **February 21, 2026**.

Queen City Music Fest is a **quality evaluation program with an informal and encouraging spirit**, designed to provide meaningful feedback and positive reinforcement for young musicians.

QCMF is open to:

- **Piano students:** Kindergarten–12th Grade
- **String students:** Kindergarten–12th Grade

 **This event includes BOTH Piano and String students.**

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 **New for 2026 (Piano Only!)**

In partnership with **Faber Piano Adventures**, piano students may now participate in the **Piano Adventures Online Theory Exam** on the *same day* as their QCMF performance.

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## **Piano Adventures Online Theory Exams**

These online exams are designed to:

- Build a love of music theory and performance
- Recognize student progress in meaningful ways
- Provide flexibility and accessibility for families

### **On-site requirements:**

Students must bring their **own device and headset** to complete the exam.

## **Exam Details**

- **Elementary Levels (Primer–2B):**  
70 questions • Passing score: 49/70
- **Intermediate Levels (3A–4):**  
100 questions • Passing score: 70/100

 **Certificates of Completion** will be awarded to students who pass the theory exam and will be recognized **in person** during the Awards Recital Celebrations.

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### **Evaluation Process**

- Adjudication follows a **5-Star System**
- Judges provide thorough, educational, and constructive written feedback
- **5 Stars** indicate an outstanding performance demonstrating excellent preparation
- Stars reflect areas of growth and achievement
- A **cumulative stars program** is in effect, with awards presented at various levels

Adjudicator preparation ensures **consistent scoring** across performances.

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### **Student Entry Requirements**

#### **PIANO**

- **Time limit:** 6 minutes total (maximum of two pieces)
- All musical styles welcome
- Memorization is optional
- If memorized: provide a copy of the original score for the judge
- If not memorized: provide an additional copy of the music for the judge
- **Photocopying of music is prohibited**

## STRINGS

- **Time limit:** 8 minutes total (maximum of two pieces)
- All musical styles welcome
- Memorization is optional
- If memorized: provide a copy of the original score for the judge
- If not memorized: provide an additional copy of the music for the judge
- **Photocopying of music is prohibited**
- Students must provide their own accompanist if applicable  
(Piano accompaniment is optional)

 **Students may enter both piano and strings.**

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### Event Information

#### **Date:**

Saturday, February 21, 2026

#### **Location:**

Immanuel – Lakeside Park, KY

#### **Performance Times:**

- **AM Session:** 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM
- **PM Session:** 12:00 PM – 4:30 PM

#### **Please Note:**

1. Specific performance times cannot be requested
2. Students must block out their entire AM or PM session

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## Fees

- **\$20** – Performance only (Piano or Strings)
- **\$30** – Performance + Faber Piano Adventures Theory Exam (Piano only)

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## Registration Deadline

**January 21, 2026**

(In-person evaluations only)

 **Register here for in-person participation:**

<https://form.jotform.com/253292856457166>

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## Questions?

Please direct all inquiries to:

**Info@QueenCityMusicFest.org**