



Piano Activities and Awards

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Activities and Events Open to All Students

Recital

A formal recital will be held in May. Participation is optional, but encouraged. Memorization is optional. No fee.

Musicale

There will be a musicale held at the studio of Lori McCarthy. Students perform music in a more relaxed environment than the recital. Memorization is optional and dress is casual. Family and friends are invited to attend. No fee.

Group Lessons

Group lessons will be held several times per year. All students are encouraged to attend at least once. No fee.

MTNA Events (Music Teachers National Association)

eFestival

The MTNA eFestival is an online-only performance opportunity where students receive a constructive critique from a highly qualified evaluator. The musician(s) video-records up to 15 minutes of playing, uploads the video(s) to YouTube and provides MTNA links to each video. In most cases, entrants will receive comments on their performances via email seven to 10 days after submission. Any style, any piece, including arrangements and transcriptions. Cell phone, tablet, video camera: it doesn't matter as long as the sound is clear. Fee: \$25

Music Study Award

The MTNA Music Study Award acknowledges commitment to music lessons, offering certificates recognizing years of music study completed in two-year increments up to twelve years of study. No fee.

Music Achievement Award Program

The Music Achievement Award Program is to help encourage all students to continue their music study and to strive to achieve goals that will not only help them become better musicians, but also will enhance their appreciation of music. Goals are set that are both realistic and attainable for each individual student according to the students' needs, ability, and motivational level. The student achieves the goals over a specified period of time. Students completing the program receive an award at the May recital. No fee.

MSMTA Theory Exam

In the spring, MSMTA offers a written theory exam. Students who wish to participate must complete a theory workbook in preparation for the exam. A fee to cover the workbook and entrance fee shall be billed separately.

Awards

Performance Trophies

Students performing in at least one recital, musicale, or judged event receive a performance trophy at the May recital.