



Piano Duet

Full Scholarship Program

Application Form



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Program Description:

EKS Music School is excited to once again, host and announce a Piano Duet Scholarship Program.

This program will grant a various amounts of scholarships, **from \$100 to 100% tuition coverage (determined by the scholarship committee)**, educational and performance opportunities to selected young musicians who will demonstrate an exceptional artistic and musical potential, to form several piano duet ensembles.

12-week scholarship program is designed for young pianists of **RCM Level 1 or higher** who will have strong motivation, promising pianistic abilities, interest and enthusiasm in music. Accepted candidates will be expected to devote their time and responsibility to weekly lessons, individual practice, research assignments, collaborative projects, and any other course work assigned by instructor. Accepted candidates will also have to be available to perform at monthly performances and at a final recital upon completion of the program.

Ideal candidates for this program should be:

- 1) Able to play piano at the **RCM Level 1 or higher**, or have had a minimum of **2 years of private piano lessons**.
- 2) Enrolled in a public or private school within Quincy and Greater Boston area.
- 3) Available to attend weekly (week days TBD depending on faculty availability) lessons, maintain daily independent practice at home, participate in all program projects and complete all program assignments.
- 4) Available to perform at monthly **EKS Performance Hours** on **March 16th, 2018; April 13th, 2018; and May 18th, 2018** at EKS Music School, Quincy, MA.
- 5) Available to perform at the final recital on **June 10th, 2018** at **M. Steinert and Sons Concert Hall, Natick, MA**.

Application Process:

Candidates will be selected based on two rounds of application; round 1- application form and prescreening recording and round 2- live audition and interview.

Audition requirements:

Please prepare two contrasting piano solo pieces of your choice, memorization is optional but selected repertoire should be in well prepared, performance ready condition. Applicant may use the same repertoire for both rounds; pre screening recording and live audition.

Round 1: Application form and prescreening recordings.

Please fill out this application form and email it to **info@eks-arts.com**

In the email please include the links to your video recordings (*you can use Youtube to upload the prescreening audition video; for detailed video submission guidelines please see the last page of this application form*). You can also mail a hard copy of your application to: EKS MUSIC SCHOOL 121B Standish Avenue Quincy MA 02170, please note that if you decide to mail or drop off a hard copy of an application form, you would still need to email EKS the links to your prescreening recordings.

If you have any questions please email info@eks-arts.com or call us at (617) 770-7677.

Application Deadline: January 29th, 2018.

1st Round Decision Results: Applicants will be notified if they have been selected for live auditions on **Wednesday, January 31st**, via email by the end of the day. The lists of students selected for live auditions will also be posted on EKS Music School website at <http://music.eks-arts.com> and on the bulletin board in EKS Music School, 121B Standish Ave, Quincy, MA. Applicants who were selected for live audition round will also be notified about their scheduled live audition time.

Round 2: Interview and live auditions.

Applicants who will successfully pass the prescreening round will be invited to live audition at **EKS Music School on February 4th, 2018 from 2 to 6pm.**

Live auditions are held in order for a committee to get a better understanding of student's musical background, potential, motivation and experience.

Each candidate will be given fifteen (15) minutes of time: a five (5) minute interview based on the application questions and ten (10) minutes of audition where students will be asked to perform two solo piano works of their choice. The total amount of time for both compositions should not exceed the ten minute timeframe. If chosen repertoire is longer than the given time, the audition committee has a right to stop the student after a certain section in the piece (*inability to perform a full composition due to a limited time frame **will not** affect the final decision of the committee, the student will remain as a candidate and their application will be considered fully, along with all other applicants in the live audition round*).

It is highly suggested that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Candidates arriving late are not guaranteed to be admitted to the audition.

Admission Decision: Applicants will be notified about their admission to the program on **February 7th, 2018**, via email by the end of the day. The list of admitted students will also be posted on EKS Music School website at <http://music.eks-arts.com> and on the bulletin board in EKS Music School, 121B Standish Ave, Quincy, MA.

Program Start Date: February 26th, 2018.

Student Information:

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Phone: _____ Address: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Music School and Most Recent Piano Teacher: _____

How long have you been studying piano? _____ Age Started: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Primary Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your Story

Please answer the following four questions in one paragraph or longer if desired, attach additional paper or document if necessary.

1) Who are you? Describe yourself as a person, what do you like to do, how do you like to spend your free time? What art, movies, shows, poems, music, books do you like the most?

2) How do you see yourself in 6 months from now? What do you want to change in your life, improve or keep the same until summer? Do you have any specific musical goals/dreams that you want to achieve or skills to master until June 2018?

3) How will this scholarship help you achieve the plans described in question above? What will change once you're accepted and how will it bring you closer to your goals?

4) Pick one of the favorite things you listed in question one (a movie, work of art, a book, a music piece, a poem or a painting). Describe how does it relate to you, what makes special and why is it your favorite.

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Prescreening Video Recording Submission Guidelines.

Try to use the best quality sound and video recording device you can find, however videos recorded with a cell are acceptable and will be considered as well. Make sure to stand and secure your device in the still position during the entire recording time, don't move or shake the device during applicant's performance. Eliminate all background noise and make sure that applicant's head, hands and feet are clearly seen on the video. The performance should be recorded as if you are at a "live" audition. Your video should not be edited; with no stopping of the recording during the entire video audition.

Start recording:

- 1) State your full name and tell us what you will be playing. (Composers and titles of pieces)
- 2) Perform your 2 audition pieces. Make sure to place your camera at the appropriate distance from the instrument so your head, feet and hands can be clearly seen while your performance. Video **must not** be edited, no stopping, no cuts, filters or montage.
- 3) After the performance tell us if you are planning on playing same or different repertoire in case you're invited to live audition. (It **does not** lower your chances to be invited to the second round if you're planning on playing same repertoire in both audition rounds)
- 4) Turn off recording device.

Upload the video to YouTube in the way explained below and send the link to **info@eks-arts.com**

YouTube Video Submission Instructions

If you do not already have a YouTube account:

- 1) On your computer go to <https://www.youtube.com/>
- 2) Click on Create Account
- 3) Fill in all the information
- 4) Click on create account
- 5) On the top right hand corner you will see your new account
- 6) Check your email, as a confirmation email address will be sent to you
- 7) Click on the link to verify your email address
- 8) If you do not receive a confirmation email within a few minutes, check your bulk or spam folders

Once you have your account:

- 1) Sign in to YouTube.
- 2) Click on Upload at the top of the page.
- 3) Before you start uploading the video, set the video privacy settings to private (only those you share the link with will be able to view your uploaded recording. 50 people maximum)
- 4) Select the video you'd like to upload from your computer.
- 5) Upload the video.
- 6) Click Publish to finish uploading a video to YouTube. Click Done to finish the upload or click Share to privately share your video. Email the video link to **info@eks-arts.com**

Contact Information:

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