

## THEME FESTIVAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Fill out a separate application form for each student online at [www.mtaclb.com/recitalregistration](http://www.mtaclb.com/recitalregistration).
- For ensembles, use one form and fill out all names of the participating students,
- Selections cannot be changed after submitting forms.
- The application fee is \$11.00 per student.
- Pay for all enrolled students online by clicking the "add to cart" button located beneath the registration button. You will make one payment for all enrolled students (if you have 10 students enrolled, you will add "10" to the cart, then checkout to complete payment).
- Forms must be completed, and payments received by the application deadline, October 28<sup>th</sup>. If payments are not received by this deadline, students will not be included in the program.
- There will be no refunds for recital fees.
- Recommendation: Teachers and students are encouraged to select a piece or pieces which lasts 5 minutes or less.
- Teachers may not submit more than 30 minutes of total playing time for all of their students in one recital.
- It is recommended that students memorize their pieces unless it is ensemble work.
- Teachers are required to help in the preparation, organization or presentation of the recital. Teachers with five or more students are encouraged to help prior to the recital. Teachers who do not help will cause their students to be disqualified from participation.
- Please review the Branch Recital Guidelines for Students and with students and their parents, and rehearse stage conduct during their lessons.

## THEME FESTIVAL GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

- Arrive at the recital hall a minimum of 15 minutes before the scheduled recital time. We recommend students bring at least two people, and they are expected to remain for the entire recital.
- Stage conduct:
  - a. Walk slowly as you approach the piano.

- b. Bow before playing. Stand with feet together as you bow.
- c. Seat yourself properly by adjusting the bench and etc.
- d. Feet should be placed flat on the floor.
- e. Pianists should place hands in lap, taking time to think of piece, especially tempo and dynamics.
- f. After your performance, get up slowly, bow, and walk to your seat.
- Personal appearance:
  - Girls: Dress, or skirt and blouse, at least knee-length, is preferred. Dressy pants outfit is permissible. No jeans or sweats, please. Proper shoes or sandals are acceptable. Sneakers are discouraged.
  - Boys: Dressy slacks. No jeans or sweats. Shirts with collars are recommended. Please, no T-shirts and proper shoes, please. Sneakers are discouraged.

Boys and Girls: Hair neatly arranged away from face.

Recital Location:

Seal Beach Center for Spiritual Living,  
500 Marina Drive, Seal Beach