

2021 Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival Rules and Guidelines (Deadline May 10)

The 2021 Piano Sonata/Sonatina Festival will be conducted with video entries due to the ongoing pandemic. Deadline to enter, pay the \$30 entry fee, and upload videos is May 10 at 11:59 pm.

Videos will be shared with three judges, who will write evaluations for each student and confer to determine the winners. A video recital of all the participants will be made available online on May 15 as an unlisted YouTube video available only to students and their families, teachers, and judges. A Winners' Recital Zoom Watch Party will be held at 11am on May 22, and will feature videos by the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Any Honorable Mentions will be announced on the video. The Winners' Recital will also be available as an unlisted YouTube video for those who cannot attend the Watch Party.

Students must perform two selections from memory. The first selection is the first or last movement of any sonata/sonatina or a complete single-movement sonata/sonatina. The second selection must be chosen from a different historical period as defined by the 2012 CM Syllabus, pp. 161-169.

Students will be placed in one of three categories depending on school grade:

1. Elementary (grades K-4) – 5 minute time limit
2. Intermediate (grades 5 – 7) – 7 minute time limit
3. Advanced (grades 8-12) – 9 minute time limit

A category will be split if there are twenty or more entries in that category.

If a student wins first place in a category, he/she cannot compete in the same category the following year. He/she can skip a year and compete again in the same category or enter the next higher category in the year after winning.

The videos may be ones previously used for CM. If recording new videos, make a separate recording for each piece. Have one fixed camera angle that shows the student's face, hands, and feet on the pedals. The video guidelines for CM may

be referenced for information and an example of the camera angle.

<https://new.mtac.org/app/program/CM/>

Videos must be uploaded to mtaclbrecitals@gmail.com by 11:59 pm May 10.

Video file names should include "Sonata" as the event, teacher's last name, student's name, and the composer of the piece (for example Sonata_JohnDoe_Dickey_Beethoven.mp4).