

Pianorama 2011

ABOUT PIANORAMA: Pianorama is a piano ensemble event held every two years by the Central East District of OhioMTA which benefits the Summer Scholarship Fund and other student activities. Piano students may register to perform in one of 9 groups determined by playing level.

Pianorama is a unique opportunity for student pianists ranging from 2nd year beginners to advanced level. The benefits of participation are many. Students are exposed to some of the best duet literature available and they learn to work under a conductor in a group ensemble. Students will have the thrill of performing for a large audience while enhancing their musicianship skills and confidence. This event has been a motivational experience for Central Ohio piano students since 1975.

AUDITIONS: In order to ensure a quality performance at the concerts we will be holding auditions for all participants of Pianorama. The auditions will be held on **October 8, 2011** at Graves Piano and Organ. Students will audition in groups of 5 duet teams. They will play the required pieces with the conductor. A panel of 2 or 3 teachers, in addition to the conductor, will assess each team's readiness. Duet teams will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Ability to watch and stay with the conductor
2. General fluency such as correct notes, rhythm, tempo, and dynamics.

Only those teams who show adequate preparation will be selected. **Duet teams will be evaluated as teams and not as individuals, which means BOTH duet team members will advance or not advance together.** Teachers will be notified of the results 1-2 days after auditions.

FEE: This year the fee is due **BEFORE** the auditions. The fee is \$30 per student (\$60 for students of non-members). Students who do not pass the audition will have their fee **refunded**. Please send **one** check with your registration form payable to **OhioMTA**. Send to: Lee Ann Forgrave/ 1578 Geranium Dr./ Lewis Center, OH 43035.

REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS: Rehearsals will be on **October 22 and 29, 2011** at Graves Piano and Organ. Please don't register students for Pianorama if you know they cannot attend all of the rehearsals. If a rehearsal is missed, the student will not be able to continue with Pianorama without permission from the chairmen. This is to ensure that the coherence and polish of the entire group will not be jeopardized by one student inadvertently missing cues or being unaware of material covered in the rehearsal. Please don't give out the chairmen's contact information to the students or parents. The chairmen will contact you, the teacher, if a rehearsal is missed.

The dress rehearsals will be held during the day of **November 5, 2011** and the concerts will be that same evening at 6p.m. and 8p.m.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR PIANORAMA: Teachers should review the Pianorama literature list and give careful consideration to the appropriate group in which to enroll each student. It is advisable to put students in a group where the music is well within their

technical and musical grasp. Playing in a group and watching a conductor can be difficult for many students. In general, it is best to avoid enrolling a student in a group where the music is on the challenging side. Students must be able to read music and to function in a rehearsal situation where there is constant starting and stopping. It is recommended that students be introduced to the Pianorama literature in April or May. For the auditions on October 8, students must have the music fully mastered at the required tempo.

PARTNERS: Students must be registered in pairs. It is the teachers' responsibility to find partners for their students. Each student is to learn one part (primo or secondo) of each required duet at their level. If the partners are from different studios, you must coordinate with the other teacher so that one student is assigned to each part of each selection.

The chairmen will maintain a Pianorama partner list for those teachers who are unable to find partners for any of their students within their own studios. You may contact the chairmen if you wish to be included. Please take note that students on the partner list may or may not be prepared enough to pass the auditions. Teachers may want to have the students play together before the auditions if they are unsure whether the partner is ready. If you wish a student to be included on the partner list please provide the following information to laforgrave@yahoo.com or call 614-371-3872.

Student's Pianorama performing level

Student's age

Student's gender (optional, but helpful in some cases)

Your contact information (email or phone)

Discouraged but allowed: teachers may be a partner to a student if a good faith effort has been made to find a partner and none has been found. Teachers should keep in mind that they must attend all rehearsals with their partner. Teachers do not pay the fee.

SCORES: Each participant must have their own original copies of all the required scores. **Photocopied music is strictly prohibited.** The scores are available at Graves, Stantons, and Colonial. Please label each score with the student's name and your name so we can contact you if it is left behind at rehearsals. The measures of each piece must be numbered for reference during rehearsals.

REHEARSAL ASSISTANCE: We Need Your Help! If you register students to play in Pianorama, you will be asked to assist at rehearsals. The most assistance is needed at rehearsals for groups 1A through 3A. When the volunteer coordinator contacts you, please be generous and flexible with your time, and make the commitment to help at some of the rehearsals. Pianorama is very labor intensive, and the effort should be shared by all of those teachers whose students benefit from this event.

ADVANCED ENSEMBLE: The advanced ensemble is an ensemble for teachers to participate in Pianorama. Students who are advanced may also play in this ensemble. Teachers playing in the advanced ensemble do not need to audition or pay the fee. However, students in the advanced ensemble **will** need to audition and pay the \$30 fee. The advanced ensemble will be performing in **both** the 6p.m. and the 8p.m. concerts.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES Students who are participating in one of the Pianorama groups may audition to perform in duets or other small group ensembles which will be featured between the large group performances at the Pianorama concerts. A student does not need to have the same partner as in regular Pianorama, as long as both partners passed their audition. A student may even prepare a piece to be performed with a parent, under the teacher's supervision. If chosen, the parent will not be required to pay the registration fee, or pass regular auditions. (Parents playing in regular Pianorama, however, must audition and pay the fee.) There is no list of required literature for Special Performances, however, the selections should be quality literature and be no more than 6 minutes in length. Special Performance auditions will be held **October 15** at Graves. Teachers who register students for these auditions will be notified in late September the exact time of the auditions.

REGISTERING FOR PIANORAMA: The registration deadline is Saturday, September 17, 2011. It is recommended that registrations be sent in as early as possible. **All fees are due with the registration form.** The students who do not pass the audition will have their fees refunded but will not be allowed to play in the rehearsals or concerts. After you register your students, you will receive a mailing or email which will include the rehearsal schedule, maps, conductor's notes, teachers' update, and a parent letter.

Prior to getting commitments from your students' parents, make sure they are fully aware of the following:

1. The fee to play in Pianorama is \$30 (\$60 for students of non-member teachers), which is due with registration. The fee will be refunded if the student does not pass the audition.
2. Auditions will be on October 8, 2011 at Graves Piano and Organ. Some of the students will be auditioning on digital keyboards. The auditions will be approximately 30 minutes.
3. Rehearsals are on October 22 and 29 at Graves Piano and Organ. The rehearsals are 70 minutes and are between 8a.m. and 7:30p.m. Students must attend both rehearsals. If the student is not allowed to play in the concerts because of a missed rehearsal, a refund will NOT be given.
4. A 35-minute dress rehearsal will be held for each group on November 5, 2011 between 9a.m. and 3:30p.m. The location is to be announced. Attendance at the dress rehearsal is mandatory.
5. The Pianorama concerts are at 6p.m. and 8p.m. on November 5. The concert dress for participants is black pants and white shirts for boys (ties optional); black skirt and white top, or all-black dress for girls. Black shoes for all. No tennis shoes please. Each group will perform at one of the concerts, except the Advanced Ensemble, which will perform at both. Concerts are free and open to the public.
6. The audition times, rehearsal schedule, and concert order will vary and will be sent to the teachers after registrations are received, but not before July.

We look forward to working with you and are excited for another fantastic PIANORAMA!!!!

Lee Ann Forgrave and Melissa Robol, chairmen