

ABOUT JUNIOR FESTIVAL....

The Indy North Junior Festival is affiliated with the National Federation of Music Clubs. These festivals take place all around the country each year. Indianapolis has four separate festivals.

Events:

The number of events students can enter are countless. What we do each year is up to the individual student, but I will list the most common in my studio.

- Piano Solo
- Piano Sight-reading
- Theory
- Piano Duets
- Piano Hymns
- Patriotic and Folk
- Composition
- Essay
- Voice

Each event is worth 5 points. If you get a superior rating, you get all 5 points and a blue ribbon. A Super Superior is worth 5 points and a purple ribbon. That would be a perfect score from one or both judges. Points accumulate from year to year towards a trophy system.

Essay:

This year's theme is Music – An Adventure for Life

The deadline for an essay is Jan. 15th. You can get started on these now. They are worth 3-5 points towards the gold cup plan. They must be less than 500 words.

Gold Cup Plan:

15 points-Cup 1

35 points-Cup 2

60 points-Cup 3

90 points-Cup 4

125 points-Cup 5 (etc.)

(There are twelve cups in all!) Some of my students have gotten up to the 5th trophy in the past.

Judging:

Students play their selected piano and vocal pieces for a team of 1 or 2 judges. Audiences are not allowed. The student will play in a classroom with only the judge or judges. Parents are allowed to listen **outside** of the room.

Benefits:

Students prepare and polish two pieces of music to their highest ability. Memorization is required. Students will then get constructive feedback from other teachers. (You'd be surprised at how the same thing said from another teacher has new meaning!) Individual goals are set and met. Some students are very motivated by the trophy system and want to get as many points as possible each year. This is an especially good event for younger children that cannot enter in the school contest yet. Opportunities to win prize money at the Jr. and Sr. high level is possible in the Indy East playoff and then again at the state level. Our group (Indy East) hosted the state convention in '05 and had three of four piano winners!! The level of play at these state competitions has gone up each year and it is really impressive.

Date & Cost:

Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Mohawk Trails Elementary, Carmel
Each **entry** is 12.00

Please contact me with any questions you might have in addition to what I have provided here for you.

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