Federated Festival + MMTA Piano Solo,
Optional Participation & Added Fees

Dear Parents,

If your child is an Adhikari Method (AM) level of 2 or more, they are eligible to enter in the piano solo events for Federated Festival (NFMC)! **At the AM Level of 3 or more,** they are eligible to enter in the Mississippi Music Teacher's Association (MMTA) piano competition! **I choose Students at an AM Level of 2 or more** because I know the Student will be *physically & mentally up for the challenge, benefit new skills, AND be more encouraged* to practice! Piano solo participation gives the Student a purpose to their practice time and also gives them more experience in performance. Please check out my *Student Performance Tab* on my website for more in-depth details on MMTA or Festival.

Piano solo participation is NOT required. Parents who do not wish their child to participate (outside of the required theory exam), do not need to reply to the sign-up form sent out by Email.

- **All Students are Required to take the Federated Festival Theory Exam once per year.**
- **ANY level Student** is eligible for Festival composition or creative writing competitions.
- **Students with an AM level of 2 or more**, are eligible for any Festival piano solo events along with their required theory exam.
- **Students with an AM level of 3 or more**, are eligible for any MMTA piano solo events **AND** Festival piano solo events, along with their required Festival theory exam.

Love in Music,
Hannah Adhikari

"Some Things to Know…"

- **Piano Solo Participation is NOT required**. Your child has simply gained enough skill/knowledge in piano to be eligible to participate. This is encouraged for future development and endurance in music!
- **Students are ALWAYS judged by their performance** in front of 1 Judge. Their final score is decided by their technique, musicianship, accuracy, & posture. NOT the *difficulty* of music.

DIFFERENCE IN FEES
- **Festival Piano Solo WITH Required Theory Exam** – total fee in February is **minimum $20 per Student.**
- **MMTA -** total fees in March is minimum **$45 per Student.**

⇩ *Keep Scrolling for Piano Solo Participation Explained…* ⇩

PIANO SOLO PARTICIPATION EXPLAINED

Federated Festival - by NFMC, the National Federation of Music Clubs.

- Categories: *Solo Piano, Popular Piano, Hymn Playing, Sacred Piano Solo, Sight Playing, Duets, & More!* (Required theory = $15 fee, each additional category adds $5)

- **Festival is NOT a competition**. Students are judged according to their own posture, performance, memorization, technique, and musicality. **NOT** the difficulty of the music.

- Student is required to *memorize <u>TWO</u> contrasting piano solo pieces <u>OR</u>* simply *learn the music* in a timely manner if memorization is not required.

- Federated Festival takes place on a <u>***Saturday in February***</u> on the same day as the required theory exam.

- Consistent *Superiors* in any category are eligible for *trophies!* (Including the required theory exams!)

MMTA District Evaluations – by MTNA Music Teachers National Association.

- MMTA 4 Basics Package or Separate Events:
  Theory Exam, Piano Solo, Sightreading, & Technic Skills.

- **MMTA IS a Competition**. Students are judged according to their posture, performance, memorization, technique, and musicality. **NOT** the difficulty of the Music.

- The Student is required to *memorize <u>THREE</u> contrasting piano solos and to meet their <u>current school grade requirements</u> in the other categories.*

- Memorized pieces for Festival are used alongside MMTA. This means the Student is only needing to memorize **ONE NEW** piano piece to memorize alongside the Festival Pieces.

- MMTA District Evaluations take place on a <u>***Saturday in March or April***</u> each year. It is a national competition, so Students can advance from State, to Regional, to National.

- Students wishing to compete in MMTA, <u>*must be willing to practice*</u> 3-5 days a week as more is required, and more music is given to the student than normal.