



School of Music 316-978-3103 Keyboard Studies, Meg Gray 816-547-7320

**ANNOUNCING: THE WSU MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL PIANO FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025—YouTube links due by 5:00pm, virtual**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025 – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, in-person**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025– 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm, in-person**

**ELIGIBILITY and PROCEDURES:** Any student in the grades 6-12, either public, private or homeschool are eligible. There will be no limit on the number of entrants coming from one teacher or from one school. Each student must fill out and return the Application Form enclosing the **\$15.00 entry fee, by Monday, January 13, 2025.** Make checks payable to Wichita State University. The application form may be duplicated. Emailed forms are preferred if possible.

**PROCEDURES and REPERTOIRE for BOTH FESTIVAL DIVISIONS, In-Person Auditions:** All requests for a special performance time should be stated with the entries. **Though we try to accommodate as many requests as possible it may not be possible to honor all requests.** No time changes will be made after completion of the schedule. Performance times will be emailed to each teacher in the week before the festival. Each student may play more than one composition, but the total performance time will be limited to six minutes for middle school, and eight minutes for high school. The rating will be based only on the quality of performance, not the choice or length of the composition. Only solo literature will be accepted. The score for soloists choosing not to memorize their music will be lowered one rating. They will not be permitted the “1” rating. Duplicated scores (photocopied, hand copied etc.) turned into the judge will lead to the disqualification of the student. Before each student performs, the judge will permit the student to test the piano. It is suggested that the student test the piano with a scale, arpeggio, etc. but not with the piece to be performed.

**Warmup Time:** There are practice rooms in the Duerksen Fine Arts Center which the in-person students will be invited to use for warming up. It is recommended that students be on site fifteen minutes before their scheduled audition time.

**Virtual Auditions:** If students prefer to participate virtually, they must submit a single YouTube link containing their 6-minute or 8-minute audition. Only YouTube links will be accepted. When uploading the performance, please set YouTube settings to unlisted. Memorization standards remain the same. Please submit links to Meg Gray at [meg.gray@wichita.edu](mailto:meg.gray@wichita.edu) by 5:00pm on January 25. Write WSU piano festival links in the subject line. Performances will be evaluated, and comment sheets will be emailed to your teacher.



WICHITA STATE  
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School of Music

**APPLICATION FORM: MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL JANUARY 25 and 26, 2025**

Please complete the following registration  
**(Copies may be made)**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

School Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Private Piano Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Piano Teacher's Address \_\_\_\_\_

PIANO TEACHER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Composition Title \_\_\_\_\_

Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:     VIRTUAL                      IN-PERSON

In-Person Scheduling Consideration Request and Reason \_\_\_\_\_

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**WSU Middle School and High School Piano Festival:  
Entry fee of \$15.00 due by Monday January 13, 2025  
Make all checks payable to: Wichita State University**

**MAIL TO:**

**Anne Marie Brown  
School of Music Box 53  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, KS 67260-0053**



**KEYBOARD STUDENT AND TEACHER INFORMATION** Please list the names and contact information of any high school junior or senior who might appreciate knowing more about WSU and its keyboard studies. We offer a wide range of educational options and welcome the chance to help them achieve their professional and artistic goals.

**UPCOMING UNDERGRADUATE AUDITIONS: JANUARY 18, FEBRUARY 1, AND MARCH 8, 2025**

The above dates are wonderful opportunities for interested students to audition, interact, ask questions, and get answers about studying at WSU. Please feel free to contact Meg Gray, Keyboard Area Coordinator ([meg.gray@wichita.edu](mailto:meg.gray@wichita.edu)), Julie Bees, Piano Faculty ([julie.bees@wichita.edu](mailto:julie.bees@wichita.edu)), or Warren Kim, Piano Faculty ([warren.kim@wichita.edu](mailto:warren.kim@wichita.edu)) for more information, or to set up auditions outside these listed dates. We will be happy to set up audition times that are convenient to all.

Name of Student	Address	Phone	Email
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Name of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



**Shocker Keys!**  
**Student Music Teachers Association Elementary Piano Festival:**  
**February 15, 2025 – virtual: all YouTube links due by 5:00pm**  
**February 15, 2025 – in-person: 9:00am-4:00pm**  
**February 16, 2025 – in-person: 1:00pm-5:00pm**

Dear Piano Teacher,

The members of the Student Music Teachers Association at Wichita State University are excited to announce the dates for the **Elementary Piano Festival!** The festival will take place on Saturday, February 15 and Sunday, February 16, 2025, with the in-person performances in Duerksen Fine Arts Center on the WSU campus. This festival is open to piano students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Each student should have one piece of repertoire prepared to perform. The students will be playing for one adjudicator, all of whom are SMTA members, and will be given comments on their performance, as well as a certificate celebrating their achievement. In-person students will also receive an individual mini-master class with their adjudicator during the time remaining after their performance. Please have students bring their music with the measures numbered for the adjudicator.

Parents, siblings, friends, and relatives are welcome to come listen to their student perform and sit in on the master class. Please have your students arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled performance time. A limited number of warm-up rooms will be available.

If students prefer to participate virtually, they must submit a YouTube link containing their audition. Only YouTube links will be accepted. When uploading the performance, please set YouTube settings to unlisted. Please submit links to Ryan Linares (rmlinares@shockers.wichita.edu) by 5:00pm on February 15. Write WSU piano festival links in the subject line. Performances will be evaluated, and comment sheets will be emailed to your teacher.

The festival entrance fee is \$12.00 per student and is due with the enclosed application. Please enclose only one check for all participating students within your studio. **The application and fees must be postmarked or emailed no later than February 3, 2025.** Teachers will be contacted via email prior to the event with the students' performance times and locations within Duerksen. If you have specific time or day requests, all efforts will be made to grant these requests, but there are no guarantees. Please clearly mark those requests on the application.

Proceeds from this Festival will be put toward a scholarship fund for our student members to attend local and national MTNA national conferences.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Meg Gray, faculty sponsor ([meg.gray@wichita.edu](mailto:meg.gray@wichita.edu)) 816-547-7320, or Ryan Linares (rmlinares@shockers.wichita.edu).

Thank you for all your support and enthusiasm. We are all looking forward to this event and wish you and your students the best.

Sincerely,

Members of SMTA, and  
Meg Gray, Faculty Sponsor SMTA [meg.gray@wichita.edu](mailto:meg.gray@wichita.edu)



**SMTA Elementary Piano Festival Sign-Up**

**Please email or postmark by February 3, 2025**

Ryan Linares, SMTA  
Wichita State University  
School of Music Box 53  
Wichita, KS 67260

**Please make checks payable to SMTA**

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Students Participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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