



Piano Comps and Evaluation Program

What is the Metro Music Makers Piano Comps and Evaluation Program?

- This program is a level-appropriate assessment of a student's musical abilities on piano.
- Students are gauged by a panel of professional musicians who are knowledgeable and experienced with the skills and techniques being examined.
- Students will be assessed on the following criteria: consistent rhythm, time feel, correct notes, technique, tone quality, and musicality/expressiveness.
- Students showcase their skill level by performing all of the following:
 - Two required pieces
 - And scales and chords in corresponding keys
- Auditions are submitted via pre-recorded video.

Why Participate in Piano Comps and Evaluation Program? What are the Benefits?

- See growth and chart improvement each year and over the course of the student's career as they continue to participate in the program.
- Students feel a sense of accomplishment.
- Knowledge of successes and areas of improvement are highlighted by the judges, allowing students to focus and grow in specific areas of their playing based on this feedback.
- Students are encouraged to showcase their ability to others (and themselves): family, friends, peers, teachers, etc.
- Performance is an important part of overall musicianship.
- Consistent progress is a worthy achievement to spotlight on college applications, resumes, or as an extracurricular activity.
- Students learn to set goals, set out to achieve them and experience the validation and ownership that goes along with their completion.
- Musicians face specific challenges that go along with performing for an audience. Overcoming these obstacles builds strength and resilience and helps to shape character.
- A digital certificate is awarded to each participant for their individualized progress and achievement.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Any student! The levels of assessment are not necessarily based on age, but rather on skill level.