

PIANO (non-Jazz)

## SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SYOSSET, NEW YORK

**Level I - VI APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NYSSMA  
SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL  
Jericho High School, March 10 & 11, 2023.**

### **PIANO APPLICANTS ONLY**

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) sponsors a festival each spring in which students have the opportunity to perform solos and small ensembles (duets, trios, etc.) for an impartial adjudication. Judges, most of whom are chosen from outside the area, hear each student play a graded selection from the NYSSMA manual, prescribed scales and a short sight reading selection (8 measures). Students are then given a written report with comments on their performance and a grade. Grades range from the relatively rare Outstanding through Excellent, Good, and Needs Improvement (A+ through D- in Levels V and VI). In some cases, where it is determined to be in the best interest of the child or due to a serious infraction of the festival rules, a student may receive comments-only. Levels of difficulty range as follows:

- Levels I - Very Easy - elementary
- II - Easy - advanced elementary, middle school
- III - Medium - middle school
- IV - Medium Difficult - advanced middle school, high school
- V - Difficult - advanced high school
- VI - Very Difficult - only for the most advanced soloists

NYSSMA festival grades provide a standard that is useful for students to evaluate and assess their own playing. These grades serve as benchmarks that students and teachers can use to evaluate progress.

Students participating in the NYSSMA festival (and their parents) should be aware of the following:

1. The **2023** festival for piano students only (all levels) will be held at **Jericho High School on March 10 & 11, 2023**. Auditions will be scheduled between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Auditions may be scheduled **at any time during the duration of the festival.**
2. There are no Jazz Piano adjudications at this festival. Jazz Piano is held at Cold Spring Harbor HS, March 17 & 18, 2023 (Levels 1-4), and Syosset High School, May 5 & 6, 2023 (Levels 5-6)
- 3.. The school does not provide transportation.

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4. All solos must be listed in the current NYSSMA Manual. The current manual is **Vol. 33**. **Check this carefully with your school music teacher, as private teachers do not always have the current manual.**
5. **Two purchased, original copies of the solo should be provided** (one for the student and one for the adjudicator). A piano part may be used as one copy. **Photocopies are not permitted.**
6. Check the NYSSMA Manual for specific regulations on scales, sight reading, etc. The scale requirements for piano differ somewhat from other instruments. Be sure to have your **school music teacher** review them with you.
7. Level I-IV solos will be given 10 minute audition times. Level V-VI solos will be given 15 minute audition times.
8. Grades will not be posted at the festival. Students will receive their grades from their school music teachers during the following week at school. Please be sure your child picks up his/her evaluation sheet.

**Piano Participation fees: Level I-IV: \$22.00      These fees are not refundable.**  
**Level V-VI: \$30.00**

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# Piano I – VI, Jericho H.S.

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PLEASE RETURN CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO: **STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND**

**Include FIRST and LAST name of student on “Memo” line of each check.**  
**Use SEPARATE CHECKS for each student and each audition.**

**PLEASE NOTE: All Piano students must register through their school music teacher.**

Return this form below to your school music teacher by:  
**Friday, January 6, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSER OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF SOLO \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE NUMBER IN NYSSMA MANUAL \_\_\_\_\_  
(This must be specified) (from Volume 33)

Check if you have a sibling performing at this festival \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, Sibling name and school \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are performing more than one solo or ensemble at this festival \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate  
(first and last name)

in the NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival to be held at **Jericho High School on March 10 & 11, 2023**. I understand that I will be responsible for my child's transportation.

Enclosed is a check **made out to STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND** for **\$22.00** (Level 1 - 4) or **\$30.00** (Level 5 - 6) for the registration fee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

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(Date)

### Please do not staple checks.

You may request a specific day and time, but please note that NYSSMA can not guarantee that they will be able to honor such requests. Please only do so in the event of an unavoidable conflict. Attach a note to this form if you are in this situation.

NYSSMA Piano Levels I through VI