

POPPLERS MUSIC COMPETITIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Popplers Competition is open to NDMTA members and nonmembers and is not part of the MTNA competitions.
2. Contestants must be studying with the entering teacher at the time of the state competition.
3. All entry fees are non-refundable.
4. All competition contestants must provide one clean, erased and numbered (all measures) copy of each selection for the judge. NO REPRODUCTIONS of printed music may be used by soloists, accompanists, or provided for judges. The ONLY exception is music which is out of print or still in manuscript. Copies of out-of-print music must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher giving permission to use a copy of the music. Accompanists and instrumentalists may use reproductions, but a complete score must be present at the competition.
5. All decisions of the judges are final.
6. Entry deadline for state competition is on the competition entry form.
7. Contestants may not make any repertoire changes after the entry deadline.
8. Electronic recording devices such as a camera (including video cameras), tape recorders, cell phones, pagers or laptop computers are permitted as long as they are quiet and recording only their own student.
9. Upon submitting any entry for competitions, students and teachers assume the responsibility for being familiar with ALL rules and regulations.
10. Any questions or problems should be submitted directly to the Popplers Music Competitions Chair.
11. There is NO teacher participation fee for any of the competitions.
12. Age of the student is determined as of June 1st of the year of competitions.

Popplers Elementary Piano and String Competitions

ELIGIBILITY

Students ages 8-11 are eligible

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano * Strings

GENERAL INFORMATION

* Judges may name a winner for each division of competition. In addition, second-place and one or more “honorable mentions” may also be named. If no winner is declared within a division, then no other places are to be named.

*Memorization is not required.

*Please keep in mind the sensitive issue of young children entering a competition where awards are given for first and second places. Not all children are able to withstand such pressure. Therefore, choose your entrants carefully.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Repertoire must include at least two compositions, each representing different periods of music: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic or Contemporary selections.
2. The performance will be stopped after 8 minutes.
3. Original music must be provided for the judge.
4. All music must be original. No arrangements, simplifications or transcriptions may be used. (This includes folk songs and “popular music”.)
5. Movements from concertos are not allowed for piano.
6. Cuts in solo parts are not permitted. Repeats are left to the discretion of the entrant.
7. Entries not meeting the repertoire requirements will be returned to the teacher as unacceptable. A corrected application may be submitted.

Entry Fee - \$30.00

Popplers Junior High Instrumental Competitions

ELIGIBILITY

Students ages 12-14 are eligible.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano, Strings, Woodwinds

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Judges may name a winner for each division of competition. In addition, second place and one or more “honorable mentions” may also be named. If no winner is declared within a division, then no other places are to be named.
- Memorization is not required for brass, woodwinds and strings.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Repertoire must include at least two compositions, each representing different periods of music: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic or Contemporary selections.

2. Contestants whose performance medium might make fulfillment of the above requirements difficult (such as saxophonists) may make appropriate substitutions TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMPETITION CHAIR. (In such cases, check first before learning the music.)
3. The performance will be stopped after 20 minutes.
4. All music must be original. No arrangements, simplifications or transcriptions may be used. (This includes folk songs and “popular music”.)
5. Movements from concertos are not allowed for piano
6. Original music must be provided for the judge
7. Cuts in solo parts are not permitted. Repeats are left to the discretion of the entrant.
8. Entries not meeting the repertoire requirements will be returned to the teacher as unacceptable.

Entry Fee - \$35.00

Popplers High School Piano, Voice and Instrumental Music Competitions

ELIGIBILITY

Students ages 15-18 are eligible.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano, Strings, Voice, Woodwinds, Brass

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Judges may name a winner for each division of completion. In addition, second place and one or more “honorable mentions” may also be named.
- Piano and voice contestants must perform all repertoire from memory.
- Memorization is optional for brass, woodwind and string contestants.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. Each contestant must perform a composition in three of the following four categories: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic or Contemporary.
2. Contestants whose performance mediums might make fulfillment of the above requirements difficult (such as saxophonists) may make appropriate substitutions TO BE APPROVED BY THE COMPETITION CHAIR. (In such cases, check first before learning the music.)
3. “Contemporary” means music of the twentieth and twenty-first century – not necessarily American – and in a style other than that of the nineteenth century.
4. The performance will be stopped after 25 minutes, Vocal after 20 minutes.
5. Piano contestants may NOT use transcriptions, arrangements or “popular” music.
6. Movements from concertos are not allowed for piano.
7. A concerto movement may be used in the brass, woodwind and string

category to fulfill one of the requirements.

8. Vocal contestants must choose: one song in English, one song pre-1800's and one song in any foreign language repertoire. All three songs must be sung in the original language.

Entry Fee - \$45.00

Popplers Collegiate Piano, Voice and Instrumental Competitions

ELIGIBILITY

Undergraduate students at a North Dakota college or university between the ages of 18-26 are eligible.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

Piano, String, Voice, Woodwind and Brass

COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1. A program of 30 minutes maximum duration will be required in each category. Judges will use their discretion in selections asked for, but are encouraged to hear at least a representative part of each category.
2. One winner will be selected in each division, unless in the opinion of the judge no contestant meets college-level standards. In addition to a winner, second-place may be named, as well as one or more "honorable mentions." If no winner is declared, then no other places are to be named.

REPERTOIRE REQUIREMENTS

1. **Brass and Woodwinds** – Memorization is optional
 - A Solo recital program must include significant representative selections from at least three of the five following classifications: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic, and Contemporary. A concerto movement may be used to fulfill one of the requirements. Published transcriptions for the Baroque and Classical periods may be used to fulfill the requirement of Saxophones. Once the above requirements have been met, additional selections may be submitted if desired, to complete the competition program.
2. **Piano** – Memorization is required
 - A competition program must include significant representative selections from at least three of the five following classifications: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic, and Contemporary.
 - Movements from concertos are not allowed.
 - Once the above requirements have been met, additional selections may be submitted if desired, to complete the competition program.
3. **Strings** – Memorization is optional.
 - A competition program must include significant representative selections from at

least three of the five following classifications: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionistic and Contemporary.

- Once the above requirements have been met, additional selections may be submitted if desired, to complete the competition program.

4. **Voice** – All selections must be memorized. Transpositions are allowed.

- One area from an opera or oratorio sung in the original language is required, and only three of the four categories must be represented.
- One Italian song or area composed before 1800
- One German Art Song
- One French Melody
- One art song composed after 1900
- An optional art song or aria from any era in the original language (languages such as Spanish, Norwegian, Czech, Polish and Russian, etc. are encouraged).

Entry Fee - \$50.00