



Comprehensive Piano Exam

Purpose

To develop proficiency and musicianship through eleven levels of curriculum encompassing keyboard skills, technical studies, sightplaying and repertoire. *(For more information on Level XI, see Handbook, pg 52.)*

Program Director

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Locations

In every district around the state, held throughout the year. Level XI is tested once a year in May.

Deadlines

Generally five weeks before exam date.

<u>Levels I-X:</u>			
<u>Test Date</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
10-28-06	TCS	St. John's Lutheran, Shakopee	9-22-06
11-4-06	C	St. Benedict's, St. Cloud	9-29-06
11-11-06	TCB	Bethel University, Arden Hills	10-6-06
11-18-06	SE SWM SWNU W	Hoffman-Madsen Studios, Rochester Southwest MN State University, Marshall Martin Luther College, New Ulm U of MN, Morris	10-13-06
12-2-06	EC NE NWB NWM	Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City College of St. Scholastica, Duluth Bemidji State University Concordia College, Moorhead	10-27-06
1-13-07	SE	Hoffman-Madsen Studios, Rochester	12-8-06
2-10-07	TCB	Bethel University, Arden Hills	1-5-07
4-14-07	NWB TCB	Bemidji State University Bethel University, Arden Hills	3-9-07
4-21-07	SCW SE SWM SWNU	First Baptist, Willmar Hoffman-Madsen Studios, Rochester Southwest MN State University, Marshall Martin Luther College, New Ulm	3-16-07
4-28-07	C EC W	St. Benedict's, St. Cloud Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City U of MN, Morris	3-23-07
4-29-07	TCKS	K & S Studios, Woodbury	3-23-07
5-5-07	NE NWM TCS	College of St. Scholastica, Duluth Concordia College, Moorhead St. John's Lutheran, Shakopee	3-30-07
5-12-07	TCU	U of M Ferguson Hall, Minneapolis	4-6-07

How to Register

Send completed Piano Exam registration form and appropriate fee to the MMTA office.
(See Handbook pg. 87)

Fees

I	\$15	IV	\$23	VII	\$30	IX	\$38
II	\$19	V	\$26	VIII	\$34	X	\$45
III	\$23	VI	\$26				

Procedures

- ÿ See **General Rules and Procedures for all MMTA Programs, pg 32.**
- ÿ Comprehensive Piano Exams include keyboard skills, repertoire, and sightplaying. For Levels I - X, Keyboard skills and Sightplaying may be taken separately at earlier test date. With a passing grade, \$2 may be deducted from the comprehensive exam fee. *The Keyboard Skills and/or Sightplaying score sheets must be mailed with the Piano Exam registration.*
- ÿ Consult the Piano Examination Syllabus for each level's requirements.
- ÿ Students can be entered at any exam level, and may skip a level, depending upon a student's individual facility. However, a student must have pass Level X exam before taking Level XI.
- ÿ Repertoire for Piano Exam Level X must have approval from the Level XI administrator prior to registration. Attach the approval form to the registration form. (*Level XI, Handbook, pg 52.*)
- ÿ Replacement certificates (\$5 fee, payable to MMTA) or upgrade certificates (no fee) may be obtained by mailing a request to the MMTA Office with a copy of the piano *and* theory exam score sheets.
- ÿ A student absent from an exam because of illness may, with a doctor's excuse, take the exam at a future testing or apply the fee to another level exam. Notify the Site Administrator if a student is unable to take the exam. Mail the doctor's excuse with the new registration.

Theory Requirement:

- ÿ To receive a comprehensive piano exam certificate:
 - ÿ Piano Exam Levels III - IV require a passing grade in Theory Level I.
 - ÿ Piano Exam Levels V, VI and VII require a passing grade in Theory Level II.
 - ÿ Piano Exam Levels VIII and IX require a passing grade in Theory Level III.
 - ÿ Piano Exam Levels X and XI require a passing grade in Theory Level IV.

Awards

Certificates are awarded upon successful completion. Each academic year, monetary awards are given to the highest scoring students level 4 and above. Students are eligible only if they have taken the required theory prior to or on the same day as the piano exam. Only students taking all parts of the comprehensive exam the same day are eligible for awards.

Form

See page 87, or www.mnmusicteachers.com



Comprehensive Piano Exam Level XI

Purpose

The Level XI Exam is the highest level of the MMTA Piano Exams. It is a culmination of a student's studies in the MMTA Piano Program, as well as an affirmation of accomplishment.

Program Director

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Location

St. John's University, Collegeville, MN

Deadlines

3-9-07: Application for Repertoire Approval; 3-23-07: Registration Form

How to Register

Send completed Level XI Repertoire Approval Form (*See Handbook pg. 88*) to the Program Director. Send completed Level XI Registration Form and appropriate fee to MMTA office. (*See Handbook pg. 88*)

Fee

\$90

Procedures

- ÿ See **General Rules and Procedures for all MMTA Programs, pg 32.**
- ÿ Consult the **Comprehensive Piano Exam** procedures, pg.51.

Awards

Certificates are awarded upon successful completion. Monetary awards are given to the highest scoring students.

Forms

See page 88, or www.mnmusicteachers.com.

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