



Stratford & East London Music Festival

Piano Syllabus

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Attention pianists, please check out these other categories as you may wish to participate: Concerto Class, Confinemento and Millennium Competitions.

For 'own choice' classes, you must bring a copy of the music for the adjudicator. Any competitor who fails to provide a copy of their 'own choice' piece will receive an adjudication but will NOT receive marks or a certificate.

Adjudicator

Anthony Williams

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Concert pianist, writer, lecturer, examiner and adjudicator, Anthony Williams studied at the Royal Academy of Music, London and then at Reading University.

Following international competition success, he embarked on a career as a concert pianist and alongside this quickly established an international reputation as a piano teacher and a passionate educator of pianistic musicianship at all ages and levels, giving piano masterclasses, public lecture-recitals and seminars on performance and the art of teaching. Anthony has given talks on piano performance for Radio 3 and is author and editor of various publications including *The Best of Grade and Fingerprints* (Faber), *Teaching Notes* (ABRSM) and the highly acclaimed *Piano Teacher's Survival Guide* (Faber).

He is Chairman of EPTA Europe, editor of *Piano Journal Magazine*, an ABRSM examiner (jazz and classical), and a member of the ABRSM examiner training and review team. He combines his freelance career with a full-time position at Radley College, Oxfordshire as Head of Keyboard and Instrumental Music.

FELIX MARR AWARD (£500) AND EPTA CUP

The FELIX MARR AWARD of £500 will be awarded to the competitor gaining the highest mark in the open classes 301-309 (inclusive). In the event of a tie, the final decision will be made by the adjudicator. The value of the prize may be reduced if there are fewer than six entrants

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The EPTA UK Cup will be awarded to the most outstanding pianists under the age of 18, as decided upon by the adjudicator.

Open Piano Classes (any age)

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Class	Age	Time	Fee
301 Recital Class (Open) Award: Michael Cheung Cup A recital of two or three compositions of contrasting styles and periods (Grade 8 and above).	Any	Up to 15 mins	£17.00 (Under 16 £12.00, Senior £17.00)
302 Baroque Class (Open) Award: Betty Drown Memorial Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
303 Classical Class (Open) Award: Lady Frederick Lewis Cup Any music written between 1750 and 1830 but excluding Beethoven.	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
304 Beethoven Class (Open) Award: Stratford Express Cup Any music by Beethoven.	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
305 Romantic Class (Open) Award: Piano Cup Any music of a Romantic style written between 1830 and 1900 but excluding Chopin.	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
306 Chopin Class (Open) Award: Phillip Young Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
307 Impressionist Class (Open)	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
308 British Music Class (Open) Award: George Keene Memorial Cup Any music written by a British composer since 1850.	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
309 20th/ 21st Century Class (Open) Award: Ackroyd Open Challenge Cup Any music written since 1900.	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00

Solo Piano Classes of 17 Years and Under

Class	Age	Time	Fee
310 Piano Recital Class (11 to 17 yrs) Award: Barbara Halestrap Trophy A recital of two or three compositions of contrasting styles and periods (Grade 5 and above).	Between 11 and 17	Up to 10 mins	£12.00
311 Junior Baroque Class (15 yrs and under) Award: Audrey Sheard Cup	15 and under	Up to 5 mins	£8.00
312 Junior Beethoven (15 yrs and under) Award: Laurence Springett Cup	15 and under	Up to 5 mins	£8.00
313 Sonatina Class (15 yrs and under) Award: Yvonne Adair Cup Any sonatina movement.	15 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
314 Piano Solo (17 yrs and under) Own choice	17 and under	Up to 5 mins	£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00)
315 Piano Solo (16 yrs and under) Own choice	16 and under	Up to 5 mins	£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00)
316 Piano Solo (15 yrs and under) Own choice	15 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
317 Piano Solo (14 yrs and under) Own choice	14 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
318 Piano Solo (13 yrs and under) Award: Intermediate Piano Challenge Cup Own choice	13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
319 Piano Solo (12 yrs and under) Award: Bloxham Cup Own choice	12 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
320 Piano Solo (11 yrs and under) Award: Col. W. Johnson Galloway Challenge Cup Own choice	11 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
321 Piano Solo (10 yrs and under) Award: Junior Piano Cup Own choice	10 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
322 Piano Solo (9 yrs and under) Award: Akerman Award Own choice	9 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
323 Piano Solo (8 yrs and under) Award: Gwen Flower Junior Piano Challenge Cup Own choice	8 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
324 Piano Solo (7 yrs and under) Award: Lily Law Memorial Cup Own choice	7 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
325 Piano Solo (6 yrs and under) Own choice	6 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00

Graded Piano Classes

One piece from current syllabus of the Associated Board, Trinity Guildhall or London College Exams. The competitor must NOT have passed any grade higher than the one from which the music is chosen. There is no age limit on any of these classes. The fee is to be paid according to age. Please state on the entry form the Examination Board and the year of your music.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
329 Piano Solo (Grades 7 and 8) Award: James Dace Cup for Piano A Grade 7 or 8 listed exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
330 Piano Solo (Grades 5 and 6) Award: Don Egner Cup A Grade 5 or 6 listed exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
331 Piano Solo (Grade 4) Award: Ivor Rees Memorial Cup A Grade 4 listed exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
332 Piano Solo (Grade 3) Award: Don Egner Memorial Cup A Grade 3 listed solo exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
333 Piano Solo (Grade 2) Award: James Kirby Cup A Grade 2 listed solo exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
334 Piano Solo (Grade 1) Award: Rose Akerman Cup A Grade 1 solo listed exam piece from a current syllabus.	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)

Repertoire Classes

Two contrasting pieces to be performed. Competitors may not play the same piece in any other piano class. However repetition of an item is possible if they enter the Millennium Class.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
335 Piano Repertoire (12-14 yrs) Two contrasting pieces.	Between 12 and 14	Up to 6 mins	£8.00
336 Piano Repertoire (11 yrs and under) Two contrasting pieces.	11 and under	Up to 5 mins	£8.00

Jazz Piano Classes

£25 Jazz Piano Prize kindly donated by Mr Joe Dodd, Piano Tuning Services, will be awarded to the most accomplished performer in the Jazz Piano Classes, as decided upon by the adjudicator.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
338 Jazz Piano Solo (Open) Award: Jazz Open Cup Own choice	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
339 Jazz Piano Solo (17 yrs and under) Own choice	17 and under	Up to 5 mins	£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00)
341 Jazz Piano Solo (13 yrs and under) Award: Cecil Handley Cup Own choice	13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
343 Jazz Piano Solo (9 yrs and under) Own choice	9 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00

Novice Piano

Class	Age	Time	Fee
348 Beginner (Pre-Grade 1 Level) Piano Competitors must have received less than two years of tuition at the time of the festival and must not have passed Grade 1 or higher. Piece must be of below Grade 1 level. Fee to be paid according to age. Own choice.	Any	Up to 2 mins	£8.00

Senior Citizens

Class	Age	Time	Fee
349 Senior Citizen Piano Class (60 yrs and over)	Any	Up to 5 mins	£8.00

Duets and Teams

Class	Age	Time	Fee
350 Pupil and Teacher Duet (Pre-Grade 1 level) Pupil to play the Primo part of a duet, this part to be Pre-Grade 1 level (Secondo part any level). Adjudication will be given on the Primo part and on the ensemble.	Any	Up to 2 mins	£8.00 per duo
351 Pupil and Teacher Duet (Grade 1-3 level) Pupil to play the Primo part of a duet, this part to be of Grade 1-3 standard (Secondo part any level). Adjudication will be given on the Primo part and on the ensemble.	Any	Up to 3 mins	£8.00 per duo
352 Piano Duet (Open) Own choice	Any	Up to 7 mins	£12.00 per duo

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353 Piano Duet (15 yrs and under) Award: Jim Akerman Memorial Cup Own choice	15 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per duo
354 Piano Duet (13 yrs and under) Award: Shalini Ganesh-Ram Memorial Cup Own choice	13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per duo
355 Piano Duet (10 yrs and under) Award: Mary Sheehan Memorial Cup Own choice	10 and under	Up to 3 mins	£12.00 per duo
356 Piano Team - three or more players at one piano (Open) Own choice Group of a minimum of 3 people	Any	Up to 5 mins	£12.00 per group
357 Piano Team - three or more players at one piano (10 yrs and under) Award: Dr Linsay Kobelis Memorial Cup Own choice Group of a minimum of 3 people	10 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per group