



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) A recital of two or three compositions of contrasting styles and periods. (Grade 8 and above). Award: Michael Cheung Cup	Any	Up to 15 mins	£17.00 (Under 16 £12.00)
302 Baroque Class (Open) Award: Betty Drown Memorial Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
303 Classical Class (Open) Any music written between 1750 and 1830 but excluding Beethoven. Award: Lady Frederick Lewis Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
304 Beethoven Class (Open) Any music by Beethoven. Award: Stratford Express Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
305 Romantic Class (Open) Any music of a Romantic style written between 1830 and 1900 but excluding Chopin. Award: Piano Cup	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) Any music written by a British composer since 1850. Award: George Keene Memorial Cup	Any	Up to 7 mins	£11.00
309 20th/ 21st Century Class (Open) Any music written since 1900. Award: Ackroyd Open Challenge Cup	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) A recital of two or three compositions of contrasting styles and periods (Grade 5 and above). Award: Barbara Halestrap Trophy	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) Any sonatina movement. Award: Yvonne Adair Cup	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 Award: Mayors Pharmacy Cup	14 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
318 Piano Solo (13 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Intermediate Piano Challenge Cup	13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£8.00
319 Piano Solo (12 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Bloxham Cup	12 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
320 Piano Solo (11 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Col. W. Johnson Galloway Challenge Cup	11 and under	Up to 3 mins	£8.00
321 Piano Solo (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Junior Piano Cup	10 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
322 Piano Solo (9 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Akerman Award	9 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00
323 Piano Solo (8 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Gwen Flower Junior Piano Challenge Cup	8 and under	Up to 2 mins	£8.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
324 Piano Solo (7 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Lily Law Memorial Cup	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	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
330 Piano Solo (Grades 5 and 6) Award: Don Egnor Cup	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
331 Piano Solo (Grade 4) Award: Ivor Rees Memorial Cup	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
332 Piano Solo (Grade 3) Award: Don Egnor Memorial Cup	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
333 Piano Solo (Grade 2) Award: James Kirby Cup	Any		£10.00 (Under 16 £8.00, Senior £8.00)
334 Piano Solo (Grade 1) Award: Rose Akerman Cup	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) Own choice Award: Jazz Open Cup	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) Own choice Award: Cecil Handley Cup	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
350 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. Award: Walter Watson Memorial Cup	Any	Up to 2 mins	£8.00

Senior Citizens

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

Duets and Teams

Class	Age	Time	Fee
352 Piano Duet (Open) Own choice	Any	Up to 7 mins	£12.00 per group
353 Piano Duet (15 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Jim Akerman Memorial Cup	15 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per group
354 Piano Duet (13 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Shalini Ganesh-Ram Memorial Cup	13 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per group
355 Piano Duet (10 yrs and under) Own choice Award: Mary Sheehan Memorial Cup	10 and under	Up to 3 mins	£12.00 per group
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) Own choice Group of a minimum of 3 people	10 and under	Up to 4 mins	£12.00 per group