

DMTA LOCAL PRE COLLEGE PIANO AUDITIONS

DMTA's Local Pre-College Piano Auditions are the local association level piano competition for the Georgia Music Teachers Association (GMTA) Pre-College Piano Auditions. The GMTA Pre-College Piano Audition is a three-round competition event. Round 1 begins at the local association level, round 2 continues at the regional level and round 3 concludes the audition process at the state level.

The DMTA Local Auditions are open to students in school grades 2-11. (Grade 12 students compete only in the GMTA state auditions level auditions.)

Audition Date: Saturday, February 17th, 2024 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Venue: in-person auditions: **Holy Trinity Parish Church**
515 Ponce de Leon Ave.
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Video submission will not be available for this year's local event.

Fees:

\$17 per student, payable to GMTA when registering online; **\$10 per teacher** (regardless of number of students entering auditions), payable to DMTA. Please send your check made out to **DMTA to the Auditions Chair, Kristeen Sorrells**

222 Flora Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA. 30307

Or

You may also Venmo Kristeen at Kristeen Sorrells@Kristeen-Sorrells

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 15th (STRICTLY ENFORCED BY GMTA)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Eligibility: DMTA Local Auditions are open to piano students in school grades 2-11. Students who receive an "Outstanding Performer" grade, in grades 4-11, are eligible to advance to the regional auditions. (Grade 12 students compete only in the GMTA state-level auditions.) The Regional Auditions will be virtual.

Performance Requirements: Students must play two pieces: one Baroque or Classical (through Beethoven) PLUS one Romantic, Impressionistic, or Contemporary.

See Student Performance Requirements section below for details.

GATE Requirement: GATE is required in 2024. The Georgia Auditions Theory Exams (GATE) are a required component of GMTA's Pre-College Piano Auditions and supports GMTA's belief that excellent performers are also knowledgeable performers.

Teacher Volunteer Requirements: All teachers with students performing in person auditions at Holy Trinity Parish should be available to help at the auditions on February 17th between 12:30 and 4:00. If you are unable to attend, please find a substitute for yourself as quickly as possible.

Musical Score Requirements: Original scores of both pieces (no photocopies) must be brought to the auditions. **Every measure must be numbered**, and no names (teacher's or student's) may be on the music or the cover of the music. Memorization Policy:

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Memorization of all repertoire is required. **Advancement to Regional Auditions:** Students who qualify with a **grade of “Outstanding Performer” in grades 4-11** will advance to the Regional Auditions. At Regional Auditions students must play the same repertoire they played for the DMTA Local Auditions. The Regional Auditions are all virtual this year.

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The student must play two pieces as follows: Piece 1: **Baroque or Classical** (through Beethoven) Piece 2: **Romantic, Impressionistic or Contemporary** (including contemporary teaching pieces in the style of other periods). Contemporary piano literature is considered “contemporary” regardless of style. When selecting a composer whose dates span two periods, it would be best to classify that composer by compositional style. A single movement from a sonata or suite may count as a piece. Also, several short movements including selections from theme and variations, may be grouped to count as a single piece, when appropriate. Any other sectional pieces, such as fantasies, must be performed in their entirety. Pieces must be original compositions for piano. (No arrangements or simplifications.) **TIME LIMITS** The following time allotments will be observed on the day of auditions. Please advise your students that if their pieces are longer than these times, they may be stopped by the judge.

- 2nd-3rd Grade: 6 minutes
- 4th-5th Grade: 8 minutes
- 6th-8th Grade: 10 minutes
- 9th-11th Grade: 12 minutes