

NEW ADULT CATEGORY

We have added **an adult category!** They will begin first at 3:30. I hope you can enter some adults! Also, I added a category for **ragtime arrangement**, which means not writing out the changes, but improvising in certain areas with the spirit of the original still there.

VIDEO ENTRIES

Yes, you can have a video entry instead of live performance. The library has a big movie screen and projector!

DUET PLAY ALONG WEB PAGE

I have added a page where duet players can practice with a virtual partner. I hope you find it handy! It's here-

<https://www.wamusicexams.com/about-3-2>

PIANO RAGTIME CARNIVAL

Also, you may notice, I changed the event name to "**Piano Ragtime Carnival**" as opposed to Festival. This is to avoid confusion with the very large event called **Jr Festival** which occurs close to our time.

RECITAL BLOCKS

The recitals will be divided into 3 blocks on APRIL 9- 3:30- 4:15(adults), 4:30-5:15, 5:30- 6:30pm. At the end of each block, we will have a short cakewalk walking game on stage for those performers interested.

CAKEWALK DIRECTIONS

A designated performer will play a traditional cakewalk on the piano and stop randomly. The number you are closest to on the floor will be your number. Then a number is drawn, and you receive that numbered cake or cake of your choice. At that point you can step off the stage with your cake. And it follows until the cakes are given out. Please wait till you get home to eat your cake, cupcakes or cake- pops! It's sort of like musical chairs, but much more tame! This is an early historical game that has morphed through time. Actually, the original cakewalk of the early 1900s involved showing the best walking dance!

CAKES

The Library is very finicky about no food in the recital hall, however they said we can have a cake exchange for the cakewalk, **as long as the cake, cupcakes, or cake-pops are in a**

covered box. If any students can donate a cake (either store bought or homemade), it will be greatly appreciated! It is optional, but it will just add to the fun! Please label the box with who or where it came from and what kind of cake it is. Boston Crème Pie is allowed since it is a cake. **You may include sugar-free or gluten free if you like!**

NON MEMORIZED AND MEMORIZED MUSIC ALLOWED

Yes, you can use your music on the stage. You can use copies as it is for educational purposes.

If you are entering a student playing in both duet and solo categories, they will get a 10% break for the combined entry.

The teacher honor sculptures will be different than shown on the poster, and I think you will like them!

If you would like to help with keeping costs low, you can donate or pay for an ad in the program. If you know someone interested in this type of donation, please email me!

That is the update for now.

Have a great day!

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