



2021 YOUNG MUSICIANS FESTIVAL

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Parent Information for the 2021 Festival

The Young Musicians Festival is operated entirely by volunteer teachers. Over one hundred music teachers and almost 800 music students typically participate annually. We continue to adapt to the pandemic. **Please note registration for all YMFs is MARCH 1, 2021.**

Instrument	Location	Chairperson(s)	Telephone	Email Address	Date	Time
Piano	Fairfield University or Zoom	Marjie Brake	Please email, not call	pianochair@ymfestival.org	TBD in May 2021	All Day
Voice	TBA	Caroline Worra Liz Russo	917-544-8124	cworra@aol.com elizab_russo@yahoo.com		
Flute Woodwinds	TBA	Moira Schur Craw	203-762-1245	moira@schurmethodmusic.com		
Harp	Emmanuel Episcopal Church or Zoom	Wendy Kerner	203-554-0267	WKLHarp@gmail.com	4/25/21 or 5/2/21	TBA
Strings	TBD	Marjie Brake & Seray		pianochair@ymfestival.org	TBD	
Composition	Online	Wendy Kerner	203-554-0267	WKLHarp@gmail.com	3/1/21	

Application deadline for all YMF students, including special requests (available for YMF Piano ONLY), is March 1, 2021. No applications will be accepted after this deadline. No refunds will be made after the applications are submitted.

The YMF programs for 2021 will vary both in their locations, format and schedule. All applications & registrations are fully editable (you can delete them if the dates/formats don't work for your student(s)!) until the March 1st deadline.

Festival Dates & Fees

Due to the pandemic we are unsure of dates and formats for our YMF programs, but will be releasing more specifics no later than February 25, 2021. Depending on our venues, the fees will also be updated at that time. The current fees are: For ONLY YMF Piano an additional "Special Request" fee of \$20.00, families with one student may specify a specific day. Families with more than one student participating may specify a specific day (or days) for the performances upon payment of a \$30.00 Special Request fee (see below).

Siblings

Siblings will be scheduled as close together as possible, normally in the same or consecutive classes, depending on the class level entered. If another teacher is sending a sister or brother, please alert your teacher as this information goes on the application for scheduling purposes. A Festival class normally lasts about an hour. Participants (and family members) should plan to remain in the classroom for the whole hour to hear everyone play. Please maintain quiet voices in the hallway to be courteous of other classes that may be in session while you are arriving and leaving.

Multiple Events

A student performing in more than one event (e.g. piano and voice solo or concerto) may request "same day" or "different day" scheduling for the second event on the application. If the student prefers to perform the "same day", the piano event must be on the same day as the instrumental event. No fee is required in this case. If a specific day is requested for either event, then an additional special request fee must be paid as outlined below. **Fees will be updated no later than February 25, 2021 depending on our venues.**

Performance	Fee
Solo/Concerto application	\$20
Duo/Duet/Trio/Ensemble application	\$40
Quartet	\$50
Special Requests (Piano Only):	
Families with one student	\$20
Families with more than one student participating	\$30

Electronic Devices

Video cameras will be permitted, but please turn off any electronic sounds that occur during recording. Parents may be directed toward the back of the classroom (by attending room monitors) so as not to disturb the performers. Any still photos may only be taken AFTER the class has finished. All cell phones should be turned off before the class begins. Please observe this courtesy. If you are expecting a call, please stay in the hallway outside the classroom and wait to reenter between performers. Reading materials and hand held games are not permitted in the classrooms out of respect for the performers.

Scores and Gold Cups

Please let your child's teacher know ASAP of any discrepancies spelling (if it's wrong in the program it's misspelled everywhere!), in scoring or incorrect accumulation of points toward gold cups. Any corrections submitted after April 15th (the closing of Festival) will be addressed in January of the following year as the next Festival opens.

Only teachers may contact Festival chairs, so please, Parents, refrain from emails or phone calls. Kindly remember and respect that each Festival committee member volunteers their time.