

Festival Information

What is Festival?

All students participate in Festival, held on the campus of Northwest Nazarene University, each March and December. Festival is designed to promote the study of music, especially American music, and to encourage students to reach a high standard of musical achievement.

Festival is hosted by the Nampa Musicale, our local chapter of the National Federation of Music Clubs, the world's largest philanthropic music organization. Founded in 1898, NFMC awards over \$750,000 annually in awards and scholarships. Over 150,000 students enter the NFMC Festivals each year all over the United States. Approximately 4500 Idaho students participate every year.

Festival Events

Festival includes many "events" on all kinds of instruments. Piano events include:

- Piano Solo (Held in March)
- Theory Exams (Held in March)
- Patriotic/ Folk Song (Held in December)
- Piano Duet (Held in December)
- Hymn Playing (Held in December)

Festival Levels

Pre-Primary (age 8 and under)
Primary I-IV
Elementary I-IV
Medium
Moderately Difficult I-III
Difficult I-II
Very Difficult I-II
Musically Advanced I-II

Festival is Non-Competitive

I will select the appropriate level for each student. The student will play two pieces in front of a judge, in a private room (no audience). Students are judged on an objective scale based on individual merits, not by comparison to other students.

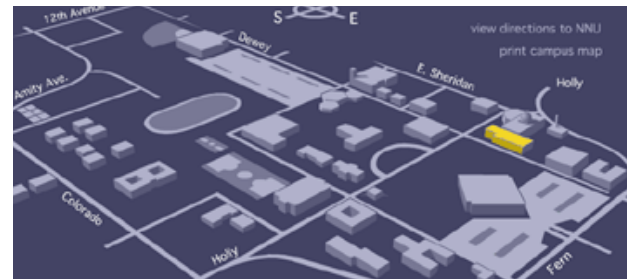
Rating	Points
Superior	5
Excellent	4
Satisfactory	3
Fair	2
Needs Improvement	1

Points accumulate year after year. When the student has earned 15 points in an event, their first Gold Cup is awarded.

Why Participate?

- The Festival program challenges students to polish and memorize piano pieces, enhancing their musicianship skills.
- Careful study of music theory is rewarded when they earn high scores and awards from their annual theory exam.
- Students receive a written evaluation from a qualified adjudicator, a certificate, and points toward Gold Cups.
- Junior High and High School students can audition for scholarships.

Festival Location: NNU Fine Arts Building (marked in yellow)



Important Tips

- **Bring your printed music** for the adjudicator to see, even though you will play from memory.
- Dress professionally in slacks or skirt or dress. **No jeans or tennis shoes!**
- Arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time, to find parking and find your room.
- The student will play in a private room for a judge ("adjudicator"). Parents may listen outside the door.
- For March theory exams: After your Piano Solo event, go to the theory room to take your test.
- Students are free to leave after they finish their event(s).

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