

Festival Information

What is Festival?

Festival is an event 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" (categories) on all kinds of instruments. Piano events include:

- Piano Solo (Held in March)
- Musicianship Theory (Held in March)
- Patriotic/ Folk Song (Held in December)
- 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

How it Works

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).

Festival is Non-Competitive

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

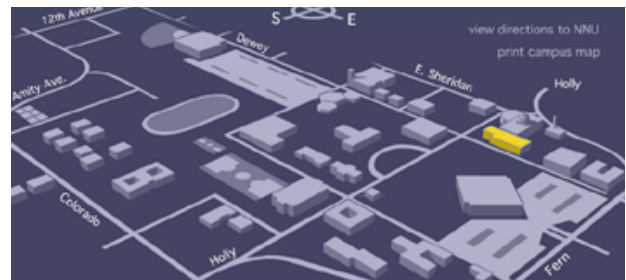
Points accumulate year after year. When the student has earned 15 points in an event, their first Gold Cup is awarded.

Why Participate?

All students are encouraged to participate in Festival. The event challenges students to polish and memorize their music, enhancing their musicianship skills. Students receive a written evaluation from a qualified judge, a certificate, and points toward Gold Cups.

Junior High and High School students can audition for scholarships. Gold Cup recipients perform in a public recital in May.

Festival Location: Northwest Nazarene University 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.
- Due to the high number of participants, there may be a time gap between events. Just make a day of it and have fun!
- For theory tests: After your Piano Solo event, go to the records room to take your theory test.
- Students are free to leave after they finished their event(s).

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