



Dear Piano Teacher,

The annual AIM (Achievement in Music) Non-Competitive Piano Festival is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023, at Bethel University in the Everest-Rohrer Building on the lower level. Please start planning with your students and parents as soon as possible. As you encourage your students and parents to participate, remind them of the rewards: not just medals and certificates, but growth in musicianship and the satisfaction that comes with setting and reaching goals.

There are four categories that students must prepare for (three for the Prep Level): Repertoire, Keyboard Skills, Written/Aural Theory, and Sight Reading. For Repertoire, students must prepare two pieces, one of which must be memorized. To help the judges stay on schedule, please choose pieces that are not too long. For more advanced students, they may need to play only a single movement and/or skip the repeats. The Keyboard Skills category combines scale work and sight-reading. The written theory test is combined with the aural/listening skills. Depending on their level, students may have 2-3 separate judges for these categories.

Students may enter any level from Preparatory through 12, so very young students and/or beginner students are encouraged to participate and are most welcome! We ask that teachers who enter more than 3 students help out in some capacity on festival day. Please let Jennifer know if you are available for a half or full day (we are usually done by 3:00 EST).

Attached to this email is a sample parent letter which you may duplicate. A registration form is also attached and may be found on our website at [www.sbamta.org](http://www.sbamta.org). The postmark deadline to register is **Saturday, October 20, 2023**. Please submit only one check, payable to SBAMTA, totaling all of the students' fees (\$20 each for students of members, \$30 each for students of non-members plus one \$75 fee for non-member teachers). All fees are non-refundable. Please print clearly or type because we use the exact name spelling for student certificates. Send the completed registration form to Jennifer Keeley, whose address is on the registration form and remember that no repertoire changes may be made after the registration form is sent in.

We look forward to another great AIM Festival! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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