

SONATINA FESTIVAL GUIDELINES

Music Teachers Association of Central Arkansas

This festival is open to all piano students. MTACA membership is not required for participation. Teachers of participating students will be asked to assist on the day of the festival.

- **Date:** March 3, 2012
- **Time:** 9:00am–1:00pm
- **Location:** UCA, Conway, Snow Fine Arts Building
- **Deadline:** February 17, 2012
- **Fee:** \$15.00 (includes Safari)

Mail entry forms to:

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Categories of adjudication:

Division I Grades 1-3*
Division II Grades 4-6*
Division III Grades 7-9*
Division IV Grades 10-12*

**Division grade levels may be adjusted according to student participation*

Guidelines:

- Students in Division I are required to play from memory **only one movement** from a published Sonatina. Students in Divisions II, III, and IV will play from memory, **one movement from a published Sonata or two movements from a published Sonatina**. No photocopies will be allowed.
- Measures must be numbered in the judge's copy of the music.
- Music should be played without repeats, except where necessary for symmetry of the movement.
- Movements longer than 10 minutes may be interrupted by the judge.
- One student from each division will be selected by the judge to perform in a mini-recital at the close of the judging sessions. The names of these students will be posted at the conclusion of judging in each division, before the mini-recital begins. After checking the results, the teachers of these students should inform them and ensure they are ready to perform in the closing recital.
- All students are required to attend the mini-recital/awards ceremony to receive their awards which may include a certificate, first place trophy, or a second or third place ribbon. A special gold seal will be added to certificates of students earning a superior rating.
- Each student will receive a set number of points based on the judge's rating of their performance. The student's points will accumulate from year to year. When a student accumulates fifteen points, a Sonata/Sonatina trophy will be awarded.

I=Superior	5 points
II=Excellent	4 points
III=Good	3 points
IV=Below Average	2 points
- Students may continue accumulating points in the same division after they have won that division, but will not be awarded the winner's trophy for the same division two years in a row. Last year's winner may choose to compete for a first place trophy in the next division higher.
- Teachers are to pick up evaluation sheets at the registration desk at the conclusion of the mini-recital.
- The festival fee automatically includes the Safari Connection, which will provide learning activities for those who are waiting to play in the Sonatina Festival.

Please direct questions about Sonatina Festival to Co-Chair Sharon Blair, Sharon@Blairpiano.com (reference Sonatina in the subject line) or 479-409-7183.