



# AIM (Achievement in Music)

## PIANO EXAM PROCEDURES 2020-2021

### (Updated 12/1/20)

#### General - For All Levels

- All exams will be held on-line
- No make up exams
- Levels 3-12: Only students who successfully pass theory exam in December 2020, can take the performance exam in March 2021. Students who fail the theory exam or receive an incomplete, will not be eligible for performance exam.
- Levels 1-2: passing the theory exam is the prerequisite to passing the performance exam. Students who fail the theory exam or receive an incomplete, will not be eligible for performance exam.
- No photocopies – students must have original books for the performance exams, or they will receive an incomplete

#### Levels 3-12

##### Theory Exam Date:

- Written and Aural Skills: Saturday, December 5, 2020, between 8 am – 5 pm
- Keyboard skills (transposition, harmonization and sight reading) must be completed before December 20, 2020, with your teacher, in the lesson
- **Written Theory and Aural Skills Procedure:**
  - Your teacher will e-mail you the written and aural skills sheets by 8 am on Saturday, December 5, 2020
  - They will also e-mail you the link for aural skills exam examples
  - Student must have the ability to print the sheets and to have good audio to listen to the aural skills examples
  - Both tests must be completed without the use of a piano and without any outside help. Aural skills examples may be paused but may not be replayed during listening. Parents, caretakers or older siblings must be present to serve as a monitor.
  - The answer sheets for written theory and aural skills must be e-mailed back to your teacher as **ONE DOCUMENT IN PDF FORMAT ONLY** (no other format, such

as JPEG, or multiple documents will be accepted). **Each sheet** has to have the information requested at the top of the sheet: **student name, ID number and teacher number**. Your teacher will give you this information before the exam. **Students not following the above instructions will be given an incomplete and will not be able to take performance exam in March 2021.**

- There is a free app, **GENIUS SCAN**, which helps with PDF formatting and is quite easy to use.
- Students must email the Written Theory and Aural Skills answer sheets to their teacher **by 7 pm, on Saturday, December 5, 2020 (the same day as the exam).** **Failing to make this deadline will result in student receiving an incomplete and not being able to take the performance exam in March 2021.**
- No refunds will be given to the students who fail or receive an incomplete on the theory exam.

- **Keyboard Skills:**

- The teacher will obtain from NMTA the sheets for keyboard skills: sight reading, harmonization, transposition and play back example) and this portion of the exam will be conducted in the student's lesson, the week of December 7-12, 2020.
- The teacher will e-mail to the parent the sheets for sight reading and harmonization at the start of the exam lesson. The parent must be able to print those out immediately and give them to the student to complete the exam.
- Your teacher will give you further instructions about how this portion of the exam will be handled

- **Performance Exam Levels 3-12:**

- Date: March 14, 2021
- The exams will be judged by Naperville Music Teacher Association members. Video submissions must be received by your teacher on or before 8 pm on March 13, 2021 **Please make sure to email your videos to your teacher several days before the deadline** so that there can sufficient amount of time to make any corrections and still make the deadline. **Submitting the videos after the deadline will result in student receiving an incomplete for that level.**
- Technique will be done with the teacher in the lesson, and must be completed by March 27, 2021

## Levels 1-2

- ✦ Exam Date: Saturday, February 6, 2021.
- ✦ Entire exam will be on-line.
- ✦ **All written exams and video submissions must be submitted to your teacher by 5 pm, on February 6, 2021.**
- ✦ Any exams not submitted by the above deadline will be subject to \$25 late fee.

- ✦ Theory and performance are combined in 1 exam.
- ✦ **Deadline for fee submission is December 5, 2020.**
- ✦ Exam fee is \$15 payable in cash or check. Please add \$3 processing fee for credit card payments.