

PianoFest 2012 and Armstrong Piano Scholarship Competition
February 10 - 11, 2012

Armstrong Atlantic State University | Savannah, Georgia

Attn: Music Teachers

The keyboard division at Armstrong Atlantic State University is pleased to announce *PianoFest 2012*. The competition will include:

- College-level departmental performance scholarships for applied piano study
(available to high school seniors)
- Cash prizes for elementary, middle school and high school students

First place winners from 2011 in the elementary, middle school and high school divisions may participate for comments. First runners-up may compete for first place awards.

PianoFest 2012 will open Friday evening, February 10, at 7:30 p.m. with a concert by Carolyn True in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The competitions and master classes will take place on Saturday, February 11, with the winners of each division featured in a recital at the conclusion of the events. The entry fee for students participating in the solo categories is \$12. This fee also includes the Friday evening concert.

A new category of piano four-hands will also be offered to Middle and High School Students. The fee for this category is \$12 per student (or \$24 for the ensemble). Performances for this category may be either with music or from memory. This fee also includes the Friday evening concert for students participating only in this category.

PianoFest offers opportunities for students of all ages to participate in an evaluation process that is encouraging, thoughtful, educational and rewarding. Please read the following information carefully and copy it as needed for your studio and classroom needs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to seeing you at *PianoFest 2012*.

Carolyn True will present two master classes on Saturday, February 11. Please join us for this exciting opportunity. The student fee for the master class is \$15. *Please note that this fee is in addition to the registration fee.* Students selected to perform in the masters classes may pay this fee at the registration table on Saturday, February 11, 2012. For more information, call 912.344.2822 or email either Kevin.Hampton@armstrong.edu, or Carol.Benton@armstrong.edu.

Sincerely,
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High School Seniors

The Armstrong Piano Scholarship Competition

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre at Armstrong Atlantic State University offers scholarships for the 2012 - 13 academic year. (The scholarship is renewable up to four consecutive years, based on academic and musical progress. For complete details, contact the keyboard division at 912.344.2823.) To participate in the scholarship competition, students must:

- File an application with the Armstrong Atlantic State University Admissions Office. Applications may be obtained from the Admissions Office or online at www.armstrong.edu.
- Submit a high school transcript that demonstrates the successful completion of college preparatory courses with an overall GPA minimum of 2.85.
- Perform from memory a solo program. The program should include selections from *three* of the following categories: baroque, classical, romantic, impressionistic, twentieth century.
- Present one copy of each selection to the adjudication committee. Photocopies and unpublished manuscripts are not permitted.
- Your name *SHOULD NOT* appear anywhere on or in the score.
- Participate in a brief interview with administration and faculty from the Department of Art, Music & Theatre.

All Age Levels

Students may also audition to perform in masterclasses given by Carolyn True, and in addition to any other event in which they want to participate. Submit a cassette, CD, or MP3 audio file (the latter via email), that includes one selection of the performer's choosing, observing the guidelines given below:

- The work should be a published composition from one of the following stylistic periods: baroque, classical, romantic, impressionistic, twentieth century.
- Photocopies or manuscripts are not permitted.
- The work should not be longer than six minutes.
- The contestant's name *SHOULD NOT* appear on the cassette or CD.
- The cassette or CD should be labeled with the title of the composition only.
- The cassette or CD should be mailed with the application form.
- Photocopies or manuscripts are not permitted in the master class.

Please indicate your participation in the master class audition in the designated box on the registration form. There is a \$15 fee to participate in the master class. Participants and their teachers will be notified by mail.

College-Level Departmental Performance Scholarships

The department will also award a number of Piano Performance Scholarships. These awards cover the **FULL COST OF APPLIED PIANO STUDY** at Armstrong Atlantic State University, and are renewable for four consecutive years, based on a student's academic and musical progress.

Additional Prizes

In addition to the collegiate scholarships awarded, three areas of competition will be held at the pre-college level. Winners will receive **CASH AWARDS** and will perform in the winners' recital. Participants must perform all music from memory and one copy of the music should be presented to the adjudication committee.

High School Performance Award

Prize: \$150

First runner-up prize: \$75

Winners' recital: 5:45 p.m.

Participation criteria:

- Two pieces in contrasting styles should be chosen from the following stylistic periods: baroque, classical, romantic, impressionistic, twentieth century.
- Total performance time must not exceed ten minutes.

Middle School Performance Award

Prize: \$75

First runner-up prize: \$50

Winners' recital: 5:45 p.m.

Participation criteria:

- Two pieces in contrasting style
- Total performance time must not exceed eight minutes.

Elementary School Performance Award

Prize: \$50

First runner-up prize: \$35

Winners' recital: 5:45 p.m.

Participation criteria:

- Two pieces in contrasting style
- Total performance time must not exceed six minutes.

Piano Four-hands Performance Award

Prize: \$100 (\$50 for each participant)

First runner-up prize: \$50 (\$25 for each participant)

Winners' recital: 5:45 P.M.

Participation criteria:

- One piece chosen from the following stylistic periods: baroque, classical, romantic, impressionistic, twentieth century.
- Total performance time must not exceed six minutes.

TEACHER REGISTRATION

PianoFest 2012

Name _____

Phone () _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Mail completed registration form
and \$15 payment to:
Carol Benton, D.M.A.
Department of Art, Music & Theatre
Armstrong Atlantic State University
11935 Abercorn Street
Savannah, GA 31419

Email: Kevin.Hampton@armstrong.edu, or Carol.Benton@armstrong.edu

or visit pianofest.armstrong.edu

STUDENT APPLICATION

PianoFest 2012 Competitions and Scholarship Auditions

Name _____
Phone () _____
Address _____
City _____
State, Zip _____
Email _____

Category (choose all that apply)

- Elementary
 Middle School
 High School
 Piano Four-hands
 Collegiate – Scholarship Award

Festival and Competition Registration \$12
Piano Four-hands Competition \$12 per student
Master class \$15

Check here if you wish to audition for the masterclass. Include a cassette, CD, or MP3 audio file (via email) with your registration form. **Students who are selected will be notified by mail or email, and will need to pay the \$15 fee at the door on Saturday, February 12, 2012.**

Works to be presented

Title – List opus number, movement(s); composer; duration (*you may choose the order in which you wish to perform your selections*).

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Applications must be postmarked by Saturday, January 14, 2012.

Notification will be mailed **January 24, 2012**.

Mail completed form and all applicable entry fees to:

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