



Barrie Kiwanis Music Festival 2025

Popular Piano Syllabus

Popular Piano

This category is designed to incorporate the following genres: pop, pop/ folk, R & B, soul, rock, alternative, indie, jazz or country. Selections should be covers from commercial artists in these genres.

Selections that are NOT permitted:

- Rap and Hip Hop
- Songs listed in the RCM or CC classical piano syllabi

Competitors are encouraged to perform all selections from memory.

Competitors will be judged on their choice of selections, interpretation, style and age appropriateness.

Popular Piano Ballad

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any ballad that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, but is not part of the Popular Selections section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

ADJUDICATION PLUS categories will include an opportunity for each competitor to return to the piano and work with the adjudicator 1:1 for 10-20 min (level dependent) to receive immediate feedback on incorporating some of the adjudicator's suggestions.

Class	Regular	Plus
PPB-B - Popular Piano Ballad - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPB-P - Popular Piano Ballad - Primary Level: ages 9-10	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPB-E - Popular Piano Ballad - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPB-J - Popular Piano Ballad - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPB-I - Popular Piano Ballad - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPB-S - Popular Piano Ballad - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
PPB-A - Popular Piano Ballad - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	\$40.00	\$68.00



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Popular Piano Up-Tempo

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any up-tempo piece that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom, but is not part of the Popular Selections section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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Class	Regular	Plus
PPU-B - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPU-P - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Primary Level: ages 9-10	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPU-E - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPU-J - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPU-I - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPU-S - Popular Piano Up-Tempo - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
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Popular Piano Jazz or Blues

Own choice. Repertoire must be a piece that would be considered to be in the jazz or blues idiom, but is not part of the Popular Selections section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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Class	Regular	Plus
PPJ-B - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPJ-P - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Primary Level: ages 9-10	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPJ-E - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPJ-J - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPJ-I - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPJ-S - Popular Piano Jazz or Blues - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
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Popular Piano Canadian Composer

Own choice. Repertoire must be selected from any piece that would be considered to be in the popular music idiom and written by a Canadian, but is not part of the Popular Selections section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

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Class	Regular	Plus
PPC-B - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPC-P - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Primary Level: ages 9-10	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPC-E - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPC-J - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPC-I - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPC-S - Popular Piano Canadian Composer - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
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Popular Piano Additional Repertoire

Own choice. This category is meant for a second piece that would belong in another class that has already been entered (ie. an additional ballad, up-tempo or jazz/blues piece). Piece can be, but is not required to be by a Canadian Composer. Repertoire must be considered to be in the popular music idiom, but is not part of the Popular Selections section of the current Conservatory syllabus. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

ADJUDICATION PLUS categories will include an opportunity for each competitor to return to the piano and work with the adjudicator 1:1 for 10-20 min (level dependent) to receive immediate feedback on incorporating some of the adjudicator's suggestions.

Class	Regular	Plus
PPA-B - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Beginner Level: ages 6-8	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPA-P - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Primary Level: ages 9-10	\$28.00	\$45.00
PPA-E - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPA-J - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPA-I - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPA-S - Popular Piano Additional Repertoire - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
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Popular Piano Original Composition

Compose an original piece in what would be considered a 'popular' style for piano. Entrants are required to perform their own compositions. The composition may be handwritten or produced using any music scoring software. Entrants may use a lead sheet or chord chart or written score. If submissions are improvisatory, please provide a sketch or lead sheet for the Adjudicator.

Competitors may enter this category multiple times with repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry.

Participants will be assessed on their creativity, originality, and overall musicality.

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Class	Regular	Plus
PPOC-E - Popular Piano Original Composition - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$32.00	\$52.00
PPOC-J - Popular Piano Original Composition - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$34.00	\$56.00
PPOC-I - Popular Piano Original Composition - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$36.00	\$61.00
PPOC-S - Popular Piano Original Composition - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$38.00	\$65.00
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Popular Piano Duet

Competitors must enter the class according to the age of the oldest in the duet. Performance should be of a piece in the popular music idiom. Competitors may enter this category multiple times with different partners and different repertoire that has not been previously performed in the Festival, but a separate registration is required for each entry. Separate registration forms are required.

ADJUDICATION PLUS categories will include an opportunity for each competitor to return to the piano and work with the adjudicator 1:1 for 10-20 min (level dependent) to receive immediate feedback on incorporating some of the adjudicator's suggestions.

Class	Regular	Plus
PPDu-E - Popular Piano Duet - Elementary Level: ages 11-12	\$33.00	\$53.00
PPDu-J - Popular Piano Duet - Junior Level: ages 13-14	\$35.00	\$57.00
PPDu-I - Popular Piano Duet - Intermediate Level: ages 15-16	\$37.00	\$62.00
PPDu-S - Popular Piano Duet - Senior Level: ages 17-18	\$39.00	\$66.00
PPDu-A - Popular Piano Duet - Advanced Level: ages 19-28	\$41.00	\$69.00