



ANNUAL RECITAL & AWARD CEREMONY

This is a **very** big event and a **very** big deal ... **usually held in March & April respectively** ... and this project will require a lot of time on the Student's part. Student preparation for the recital usually begins in the summer prior, when Students will choose their pieces. Then the related assignments and activities will continue throughout the Fall and Spring Semesters. **This event is mandatory for the Year-Round students.**



Preparation not only involves choosing & learning the pieces, but also ...

- ♪ listening to & comparing recordings,
- ♪ understanding the pieces both analytically and expressively,
- ♪ writing "short story paragraphs" to print in the program,
- ♪ making test-recordings,
- ♪ **plus** attendance at the "Video Rehearsal" in mid-February
- ♪ **and** at one of the "Dress Rehearsals" at Merrill Gardens Northbay (where we have the Community Service Performances) in the early part of March.



- ♪ **In addition**, the Intermission is a potluck ... **parents are respectfully expected to bring a healthy & home-made appetizer or dessert.**

More details about each stage of the preparations will be made available as we go along.

The "Video Rehearsal" and the Annual Recital are **held at the Fetterly Playhouse for the Arts at Sonoma Blvd & Redwood Street in Vallejo**, which is a small community theatre located behind "Seafood City" in "Solano Plaza".

The Recital is video-taped and the individual clips are posted on the website's Student Gallery.

RECITAL PARTICIPATION FEE

There is a **Recital Participation Fee** charged to each performing student that helps with general Recital expenses, i.e. facility rental, light & sound technicians, piano tuning, invitations, programs, etc. The fee for the Annual Recital & Award Ceremony **ranges from \$85 - \$125**, depending on the Tuition Rate Plan that you have chosen. Please refer to the "Chart of Tuition Rate Plans" for more specifics.

The Recital Participation Fee is due at the end of October. Families with multiple students can make two payments if they need to ... half at the end of October and the other half at the end of January.

In addition to the fee ...

The week before the Recital is considered "Prep Week" and all lessons during this week will be scheduled "short" at 15-20 minutes per student (depending on length of normal lesson), although they will be billed as full lessons. These lessons are shortened so that the students don't have other assignments and can focus only on the Recital Performance ... and so that the Teacher will have time to take care of last-minute Recital preparations. The short lessons will be spent "performing" the Recital pieces for the Teacher and going over how to prepare on the day of the performance & what will happen at the Recital.



The week after the Recital is considered "Trophy Week" and this is a Working Studio Break, so that the Teacher will have time to review the video of the Recital repeatedly and decide on which performance trophy each student should receive.

RECITAL FEE DISCOUNTS

There are two ways that you can receive discounts on the Recital Participation Fee ...

Prepayment Discount ... prepay for the Annual Recital, along w/the other mandatory event fees, at the beginning of the year
... 10% discount if prepaid by the year

Volunteer Credit ... Students & parents are asked to volunteer to help with some of the Recital preparations, such as:

- ♪ setting-up chairs & tables and decorating the theater on the day before the Recital and/or the morning of the Recital ...
- ♪ preparing bouquets & boutonnieres for the performers
- ♪ greeting guests & passing out the programs right before the Recital ...
- ♪ selling flowers or Raffle tickets before the Recital and during Intermission to collect money for the "Student Trophy Fund" ...
- ♪ setting-up the beverages before Intermission and selling them during Intermission to collect money for the "Student Trophy Fund" ...
- ♪ and to help clean-up everything afterward, among other things.

Volunteers will receive a \$5 per task credit on their end-of-April monthly invoice. Volunteer Sign-ups Forms are handed out at the Student Rehearsal in February.

AWARD CEREMONY

The Annual Recital is a great and wonderful achievement in a student's study of music. It's the cornerstone that landmarks the student's musical growth and accomplishment, year by year.



In light of this, every student will receive an engraved Performance Trophy ... either the:

- ♪ "Bravery Under Pressure",
- ♪ "Special Musicianship",
- ♪ "Outstanding Performance",
- ♪ "Best Performance", &/or
- ♪ "Perfect Performance" trophies



... which are awarded for the quality of the student's performance compared to a set list of "Trophy Requirements" posted on the Student Performance Page. Students who perform multiple songs will receive an award for each song.

The trophies are given out, along with the Annual Promotion Awards, History Maker Awards, and Audience Choice Awards, at a semi-formal Awards Ceremony held during the 3rd week of April in the Joseph Room at Vallejo's JFK Library.

There is **no charge for the event itself**. There will be a **small \$15 - \$25 charge for each trophy per receiving student**, depending on the Tuition Rate Plan you choose. (Please refer to the "Chart of Tuition Rate Plans" for specifics.)

However, we also sell Flowers, Beverages, and Raffle Tickets (for free lessons and/or a free piano tuning) at the Annual Recital to raise money for the "Student Trophy Fund". The more money that we raise in this way, the less the "Trophy Fee" is for participating students.

In addition to the Award Ceremony, **we will be entertained by students and their family members or friends who have volunteered for the "Family Talent Show"**. What I mean is ... sometimes a student will play keyboard and a family member or friend will play another instrument or sing ... and sometimes it's the student who plays a different instrument. If a student wants to participate but cannot find a family member willing to be on stage, Miss Nancy is available to perform with the student instead. Miss Nancy will spend extra time (at no extra charge) with each volunteering family to help them prepare for this performance.



It's a very short & casual performance – and it's a lot of fun. Participating in the Family Talent Show gives the student a great opportunity to perform with family, to show off another instrument they are involved with, and/or to perform in a fun, "ensemble" setting (which is very different from the recital setting). Please consider volunteering for this unique experience.