

Welcome to the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild and New York State Music Teachers Association District 12 Gold Cup Festival.

Information letter describing the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild and New York State Music Teachers Association District 12 Gold Cup Festival: Teacher and Parent use

Both the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild and the New York State Music Teachers Association District 12 serve to assist with the musical advancement of teachers and students across the region. Adjudication events, competitions, workshops, and scholarship opportunities are offered by both of these fine non-profit organizations for students of member teachers.

The Gold Cup Festival was founded in 2018 and offers an adjudication

opportunity for students. Students prepare and perform two pieces for a panel of judges and receive helpful evaluation from the judges, along with certificates and the earning of points that accumulate toward various awards. In addition, a number of students are selected by the judges and invited to perform in a special Honors Recital.

Teachers are offered guidelines for program selections and are responsible for preparing students adequately. The Gold Cup Festival gives the teacher feedback on student performances that can enhance the teacher's continuing education. Teachers have access to the website at www.RochesterPianoTeachers.org.

Students receive valuable performance experience in a non-competitive environment along with helpful feedback from judges hired within the local professional community.

Parents can assess the Gold Cup Festival evaluation and help their children reach their goals in subsequent years, as well as receiving assurance that teachers are working for the best outcome and musical education for their child.

Through the Gold Cup Festival, approximately 400 students are heard and evaluated each year. The Festival is growing, and we're proud of our local event! Our **festival entry fee is distributed** across a wide range of expenses including certificates, printing, awards, and honorariums for professional judging. We are very happy to utilize as many local businesses as possible in this endeavor.

Finally, funds left over from entry fees are donated directly to student scholarships across the region for the Rochester Piano Teachers' Guild and New York State Music Teachers Association.

If you have any questions, please contact your participating teacher who will be able to assist you.