

MilwaukeeArea Piano Teachers Association, Inc.

2026 Summer Music Festival

Instructions for creating and submitting your video

We recommend that you make a few videos so that you capture your "best" performance to submit for judging. Please be sure that your piano keyboard, hands and feet are in the camera's viewing range. Students will be penalized if that is not the case. If using the pedal, be sure that your feet are in the viewing range. **If using an accompanist for vocal and string performances, the accompanist does not need to be in the video.** We recommend that you use a tripod to keep your phone steady during the recording. Be sure that there will be no noise from other rooms while recording.

Your audition number is your teacher's code number and your code number, e.g., if your teacher is #36 and you are student #3 on your teacher's registration list, your audition number is 3603.

DO NOT TURN OFF THE VIDEO BETWEEN PIECES! You need to submit one video with both pieces, just as you would play them if you were in the same room with your adjudicator. Videos can be made at home by the student, in the teacher's studio, or in a performance hall or church. The quality of the instrument, location, or quality of the video will not be a factor in judging. Of course, a tuned piano is better than one that is out of tune.

1. **Turn the camera horizontal so that it is being made in the "landscape" view.** Start recording the video and count to 5 in your head before you begin.
2. Smile and say your **FIRST NAME** and your **AUDITION NUMBER**. Hold up a piece of paper with your audition number on it as you are speaking. This will ensure that we know that it is your video!
3. Announce which piece you will play first.
4. Play both pieces without turning the camera off. Pause for at least 5 seconds between the 2 pieces.
5. Count to at least 5 before stopping the camera.
6. **Do not edit the video in any way.** Student and teacher should review videos before submitting to check video and sound quality.
7. Save the video to your phone or laptop and label it with audition number & name, e.g. 3603 Susan. Be sure this is the same way that the PDF of the music is labeled.

All PDF's and videos are uploaded to the MAPTA Dropbox. Each teacher gets a separate link. Your teacher will email you the link to our MAPTA Dropbox. You will need to stay logged in while your video uploads. If your video is 5 minutes long, it may take up to 15 minutes long before you see the message that says your video was successfully uploaded. **WAIT** until you receive the message.

You will not be able to see other student videos and they will not be able to see yours. Your teacher will be notified when your video has been received in the MAPTA Dropbox.

Deadline for videos is noon on **Friday, August 7th**. We look forward to receiving your video.

Thank you for participating in the 2026 Summer Music Festival!