

Around the Piano is an all-ages celebration of piano and chamber ensembles. Pianists ages 6 and up join family and friends to share the joy of music, using one piano 4-hands, or piano and voice, woodwind, brass or string instruments.

On **January 21**, participants will perform for an open audience and selection panel. The panel will choose performers for the **January 29th Celebration Concert** based on a predetermined template that includes variation in periodic styles, composers, and instrumentation.

Because the event is non-adjudicated, there are no prizes or awards, however, all participants are encouraged to attend the Celebration Concert and reception.

Now in its 5th year, Around the Piano is directed by **Elena Piastro**. A devoted follower of the Russian classical piano teaching tradition, many of her Russian and American students have won local and international competitions, and have performed professionally around the world. Elena teaches at the Saint Paul Conservatory of Music, and maintains an extensive piano studio at home.



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a festival of piano and chamber music

January 21, 2012 • 9-4 pm
non-adjudicated open performance

January 29, 2012 • 4-6 pm
celebration concert

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REGISTRATION

return to SPCM, 26 E Exchange St, St Paul MN 55101

Performance Piece

Title _____

Composer _____

Pianist

Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Instructor Name _____

Other Participants

Instrument _____

Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Instructor Name _____

Instrument _____

Name _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Instructor Name _____

Payment \$30 per ensemble (\$15 per participant)

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EVENT DETAILS

1. *Around the Piano* is open to pianists age 6 and up. The partnering instrumentalists/vocalists can be any age. Age groups are determined based on the age of the youngest performer.

Level 1: 6-10 years

Level 2: 11-14 years

Level 3: 15 years and up

2. Participants must be currently studying with a private instructor.

3. Chamber groups limited to four participants, one of which must be a pianist.

4. No concertos allowed, but any sonatas, duets, trios, or quartets including piano are welcome. Music need not be memorized.

5. Participants must provide a legible score for the piece being performed with measures numbered (original scores only - no photocopies will be allowed).

6. Performance time will be limited. Appropriate cuts will be accepted if clearly marked in selection panel's score.

Level 1: 8 minutes

Level 2: 9 minutes

Level 3: 10 minutes

7. The registration form with a nonrefundable entry fee of \$30 per duet must be postmarked by December 17, 2011.

All events will take place in the McNally Smith College auditorium at 29 East Exchange St in downtown St. Paul.

Playing time and directions will be mailed to the contestant by January 16, 2012. The non-adjudicated performances on January 21 are open to the public and free of charge.

The selection panel will choose from participants to complete a performance template for the celebration concert on January 29. The panel will be selecting based on periodic style, composer, and instrumentation. A copy of the selection panel's comments will be mailed to the contestants the week following the festival.

The celebration concert will take place on January 29 at McNally Smith College Auditorium.

The concert is free to attend.

If you have additional questions, please contact the conservatory at 651-224-2205 or info@thespcm.org.

Open Performances

January 21, 9am - 4pm

Celebration Concert

January 29, 4 pm - 6pm

