

2019 ARCH CUP PIANO SOLO TEACHER INFORMATION

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DATE: Sunday, October 20, 2019
LOCATION: Webster University Dept. of Music (Thompson House)
8282 Big Bend
Webster Groves, MO 63119

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY: Paperwork must be RECEIVED by **Saturday, September 14, 2019**.
Paperwork should be in a 9x12 envelope (pages shouldn't be folded)

APPLICATION FEE: \$17.00 *No refunds will be made for absentees.*

TIME REQUESTS: There are no time requests or switches after the deadline. Please do not ask.

WORK: Teachers are not required to work

PIECE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Students may enter one (memorized) short piece or single movement of at least 16 measures in length by a composer from any genre.
2. Acceptable pieces DO NOT include selections from lesson books, easy-play transcriptions, or arrangements.
3. Students must bring their own published music for the judge (see FAQs below for studio license info)
4. Measures should be numbered (beginning of each line is fine)

PERFORMANCE PROCEDURE:

- One judge will hear each student and will give an evaluation.
- Ratings are Gold, Silver, and Bronze.
- Students earning a Gold rating will receive a trophy.
- Students earning a Silver rating will receive a ribbon.
- All students will receive certificates.

TEACHER APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

____ Submit a Google Form per each entrant (forms found at HixsonPiano.com/ArchCup)

Mail/drop off in a **9x12 envelope** (please do not fold sheets):

____ One printed and filled out adjudication form for each student (attached below)

____ One check payable to Hixson Piano, LLC covering all entries

Time constraints should be addressed now. There are no requests or switches after the deadline

Once teachers receive their students' performance times they can fill out the parent letter to give to the parent along with the map (both attached below).

AFTER THE ARCH CUP:

- Packets and certificates will be available on Monday.
- Trophies and ribbons will be available within the week and will be available for pickup.

Please pick trophies up as soon as possible



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ARCH CUP FAQs

Is there another FAQ that isn't addressed here? Let me know!

Are time changes permitted? Please inform your parents to block the entire day until times are announced. If a student has a time constraint that information should be included in the paperwork submitted by the deadline. There is much more to moving around times than just typing in a new number.

Can students within a studio swap times? No. Please do not request a new time or switch after the deadline.

Is a 9x12 envelope really necessary? Yes. Paperwork should be unfolded and in a 9x12 envelope.

Is a piece purchased with a studio license permitted? Yes-there has to be language on the page that confirms purchase.

Why no lesson book pieces? Lesson book pieces aren't really designed for performance-instead choose something the composer has marked as a 'performance piece'. In the *Piano Adventures* method anything from the Performance Book would be appropriate. In an all-in-one method any piece marked as 'performance' or 'showstopper' would work nicely.

Will my student be disqualified if they play something from a lesson book? No, but they would most likely rather play something designed for performance.

Will my student be disqualified if they play an arrangement? Yes. The student can still play for the judge, but for comments only. Their adjudication form will be marked 'NR' (no rating).

What's an arrangement? Anything not originally written for piano exactly as the student will play. Examples of arrangements: Christmas songs, patriotic songs, hymns, easy-play arrangements of harder piano pieces.

What happens if the student shows up with no music? The student can still play for the judge, but for comments only. Their adjudication form will be marked 'NR' (no rating).

How long do pieces need to be? At least 16 measures. There are many many rote pieces available that are at least 16 measures.

Are rote pieces okay? Yes! Students need to bring original music for the judge, even if the student can't read it. Rote pieces still need to be at least 16 measures.

What do I do with the Parent Letter? Fill it out with the student's name and time and give to the parent along with the map if they are unfamiliar with Webster U.

Are warmup rooms available? No. Students should arrive warmed up and ready to go.

Are parents or teachers allowed in the performance room? No. Only students and judges are allowed in the performance area. Parents are to stay in the lobby/Recital Hall.



2019 ARCH CUP PIANO SOLO Adjudication Form

To be filled out by the teacher:

Student's First Name _____ Student's Last Name _____

Student's Age _____ School Grade _____ Years of Study _____

Composer _____

Title _____

Approximate Performance Time _____

	Well Done	Attention Needed	Comments:
Rhythm Tempo			
Accuracy Continuity			
Articulation Dynamics Balance Voicing Phrasing Shading			
Pedaling Tone Color			
Interpretation Style			
Poise			

Judge's Signature _____

Rating (Circle One): Superior Plus, Superior, Excellent



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2019 ARCH CUP PIANO SOLO Parent Letter

Parents,

Thank you for participating in this year's Arch Cup!

DATE: Sunday, October 20, 2019

LOCATION: Webster University Dept. of Music (Thompson House-Building 29 on the attached map)
8282 Big Bend
Webster Groves 63119

In addition to street parking, free parking is also available in parking structure P (on Garden Avenue). Enter in the front doors of the Music Building and check in with the info desk (located in the Recital Hall, immediately past the front doors). Students will perform for the judge in a separate area, and are free to go home after playing. Teachers receive ratings results that evening.

Some important notes:

- A warmup area is not provided. Students should arrive warmed up and ready to play.
- The bathroom is located under the stairs going to the 2nd floor.
- This is a closed festival, meaning only the student and judge will be in the performance area.
- Students should dress as if playing in a recital.
- Don't forget the music!

Adjudication forms will be available to the teacher on Monday, and trophies/ribbons will be available soon after.

Student Name(s) _____

Time _____

We're looking forward to hearing so many talented students!

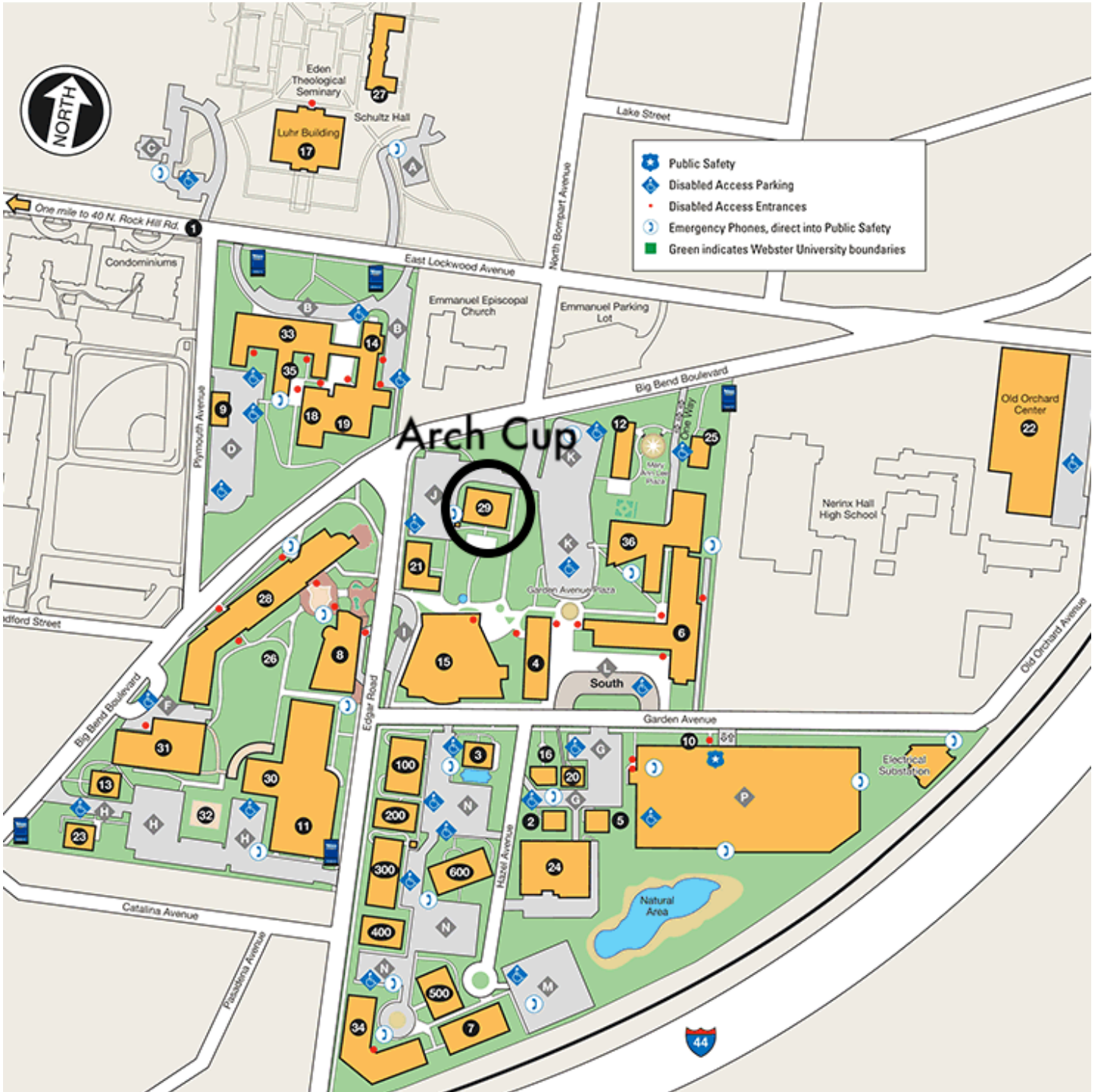
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