

Jr. Composer Showcase 2025

Score Deadline: October 15, 2025

Performance: Las Vegas Pianos 2-4pm Saturday November 15, 2025

Rules and Awards

1. The mission of this festival is to highlight the creative abilities of our wonderful music students and facilitate in promoting handwritten scoring as opposed to computer scores and allowing easier entry into other composition contests and

festivals with a video link and live video from the YouTube channel Western

American Music Exams.

2. Awards for all entries are one of the following depending on the judges' rubric scoring: gold, silver or bronze medals (in faux metals) with name engraving on the backs. To be delivered after the judge comments from video about 2-4 weeks or sooner.

3. Live performance video(not MIDI) is required either as distance entry or during the concert time.

4. MIDI files are not acceptable because the robotic nature leaves out the expression intended, and the playability is unknown.

5. Handwritten scores are required for the manuscript (no computer printed only scores). However, an optional computer score may accompany the handwritten manuscript.

6. Instrumentation can be piano solo, piano duet or piano plus 1 instrument (with separate handwritten parts).

7. Students can enter between 16 to 120 measures of one main work or movement from the designated traditional form list on the website- wamusicexams.com . Each additional movement will require another entry fee for each.

8. Students are expected to write only one work or movement. Worksheets and other general information can be found on the website wamusicexams.com. Additional movements will require added entry fees.

9. Choose a manuscript and video submission option :

A. **Local Submission:** Submit photographed manuscript only by October 15, 2025 .

Video from the performance will be used for

judge's comments and medal type (faux gold, silver or bronze). All entries receive a medal based on the rubric filled by the judge. Judge comments will be sent via email and medals will be available for pickup at one of the piano stores in your area about 2-4 weeks after November 16.

B. OR **Distance Submission:** Submit a photographed manuscript AND video with YouTube link by November 15, 2025, 4:00pm PST. Judge comments and medals will be available 2-4 weeks after November 15. If you are out of the Las Vegas/Henderson/Summerlin Areas the medal will be mailed to you, and the comments will be sent via email.

10. A professionally made video of all performers will be available on wamusicexams.com and YouTube (without comments or likes check-marked) as a downloadable link. A live streaming link will be available on November 15 on the YouTube channel Western American Music Exams. Students and parents can opt in or out of this feature on their applications. Names will not be displayed on the final edited video unless student and parents agree on the RSVP or Registration form.

11. This is an event that is part of the teacher members of Western American Music Exams.