

# 2025 IPPA Piano Progression Showcase



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*Professionals Association*

## Mission

The IPPA Piano Progression Showcase is a non-competitive platform dedicated to inspiring and encouraging young piano students to embrace the joy of music and develop their performance skills. Our mission is to provide a supportive and nurturing environment where students can share their music with others, gain valuable performance experience, and receive constructive feedback from professional judges.

Through this showcase program, we aim to celebrate each student's hard work and progress, fostering their love for piano and building their confidence as musicians. By focusing on growth and artistry, the IPPA Piano Progression Showcase aspires to prepare students for deeper and more meaningful journeys in their piano studies, cultivating a lifelong passion for music.

## How to Sign Up?

- Select the category you wish to participate in and choose your preferred class.
- The program features four major categories in the Piano Progression Showcase, each offering multiple class options. Participants may enroll in up to **three groups**, either within the same category or across different categories.

## Awards Distribution:

They are being evaluated individually, with their grading based solely on their own performance quality and progress, not in comparison to others.

**Outstanding Award:** Highest level of recognition.

The performance is polished, expressive, and captivating, demonstrating exceptional skill and artistry.

**Excellence Award:** Strong, above-average performance.

The performance is strong and well-prepared, showing good technical ability and musical expression with minor flaws.

**Achievement Award:** Solid, foundational performance with room to grow.

The performance demonstrates a solid effort and basic understanding, with noticeable areas for improvement.

## Recognition for All Participants:

- Outstanding and Excellence Awards will be awarded a rosette, Achievement Award will be awarded a ribbon.
- Every Participant will receive a certificate, and judge's comments to celebrate their achievements.
- If a performance is deemed incomplete by the judge, the student will only receive a participation certificate.
- Outstanding Award recipients in the **Piano Progression Category** will qualify directly for the national round of the IPPA International Piano Competition (including the 2025 and 2026 online national rounds), bypassing the preliminary round. Participation for the IPPA Competition is volunteered.

## Performance Guidelines:

- All repertoire must be performed from memory.
- Performing by memory in the Senior Amateur Class, Piano Progression Category, is optional.
- Performance attire is required
- Participants need to provide original score to the judge.
- Cancellations or late arrival registrations will not be accepted.

## General Guidelines:

1. If applying for more than one class in the IPPA Piano Progression Showcase, applicants must complete separate applications and pay the required fees for each class.
2. Piano concertos, self-composed pieces, chamber repertoire and compositions for "prepared piano" are not accepted.
3. Repeats are not required except the place marked with D.C.
4. Judges' decisions are final.
5. Changes would not be allowed once the repertoires are submitted.
6. The IPPA Team retains copyright of performance video, audio, and pictures of the competition and the award ceremony. The IPPA Team has the legal right to use these materials.
7. The IPPA organization reserves all the right for the final interpretation of the regulations.
8. The IPPA organization holds the exclusive right to deny entry or remove any participants from the event at its discretion, at any time, and for any reason.
9. Any misrepresentation by a candidate will result in automatic disqualification.

## Categories:

### Rising Star Category

Challenging Level: \*\*

Note: This category is intended for students who use method books, aiming to inspire young learners to enjoy performing on stage and share their talents with others.

Group	Requirement	Time Limit	Fees
Faber Piano Adventure Method	Free Choice up to two pieces from any method book under the Faber Series	4 mins	\$35
Alfred Piano Method	Free Choice up to two pieces from any method book under the Alfred Series	4mins	\$35
Hal Leonard Method	Free Choice up to two pieces from any method book under the Hal Leonard Series	4mins	\$35

## Piano Exam Category

Challenging Level: \*\*\*

### RCM

Group	Repertoire Requirement	Time Limit	Fees
Prep A, B	One free choice from List A,B,C	3mins	\$30
Level 1	One free choice from List A,B,C	3mins	\$30
Level 2	One free choice from List A,B,C	3mins	\$30
Level 3	One free choice from List A,B,C	4mins	\$35
Level 4	One free choice from List A,B,C	5mins	\$35
Level 5	One free choice from List A,B,C	6mins	\$40
Level 6	One free choice from List A,B,C	6mins	\$40
Level 7	One free choice from List A,B,C	7mins	\$45
Level 8	One free choice from List A,B,C,D	8mins	\$45
Level 9	One free choice from List A,B,C,D	9mins	\$50
Level 10	One free choice from List A,B,C,D,E	10mins	\$50
ARCT	One free choice from List A,B,C,D,E, F	12mins	\$60

### ABRSM

Group	Repertoire Requirement	Time Limit	Fees
Initial Grade	One free choice from List A,B,C	3mins	\$30
Grade 1	One free choice from List A,B,C	4mins	\$35
Grade 2	One free choice from List A,B,C	5mins	\$35
Grade 3	One free choice from List A,B,C	6mins	\$40
Grade 4	One free choice from List A,B,C	6mins	\$40
Grade 5	One free choice from List A,B,C	7mins	\$45
Grade 6	One free choice from List A,B,C	8mins	\$45
Grade 7	One free choice from List A,B,C	9mins	\$50
Grade 8	One free choice from List A,B,C	10mins	\$50
ARSM	One free choice from the ARSM repertoire List	12mins	\$60

## Repertoire by Period Category:

Challenging Level: \*\*\*\*

Group	Repertoire Requirement	Time Limit	Fees
Baroque Period	One free choice from this period	8 mins	\$45
Classical Period	One free choice from this period	8 mins	\$45
Romantic Period	One free choice from this period	8 mins	\$45
20 <sup>th</sup> Century Period	One free choice from this period	8 mins	\$45

Note: Students need to reach an **early intermediate level** to be considered for this category. Performance practice from different periods will be one of the main considerations for ratings. Except for the original compositions selected in the method book, no compositions from method books, transcriptions, abridgements, arrangements, or simplified versions will be accepted for piano entries. If your repertoire is not reaching early intermediate level, we suggest signing up for another category.

## Piano Progression Category

Challenging Level: \*\*\*\*\*

Outstanding Award recipients in the Piano Progression Category (from age range 6-17) will qualify directly for the national round of the **IPPA International Piano Competition**, bypassing the preliminary round.

Performing by memory in the Senior Amateur Group, Piano Progression Category, is optional.

Group	Repertoire Requirement	Time Limit	Fees
Age 5 & under	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	4 mins	\$35
Age 6	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	5 mins	\$35
Age 7	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	5 mins	\$35
Age 8	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	6 mins	\$40
Age 9	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	6 mins	\$40
Age 10	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	7 mins	\$45
Age 11	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	7 mins	\$45
Age 12	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	8 mins	\$45
Age 13	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	8 mins	\$45
Age 14	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	9 mins	\$50
Age 15	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	10 mins	\$50
Age 16	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	11 mins	\$55
Age 17	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	12 mins	\$60
Age 18	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	12 mins	\$60
Adult Amateur (Age 19-59)	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	12 mins	\$60
Senior Amateur (Age 60&up)	Free repertoire choice: up to two pieces	12 mins	\$60