



NZMEB Newsletter

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Theory News

Theory papers

In the past the Theory papers from each exam sitting have been available on-line as a resource. However with our procedural change (as explained in the January newsletter), we will no longer be doing that. Instead we will put example theory papers online as a resource. These are not exactly the papers that entrants sat at the exam sittings this year.

Extra Theory Session

Now that we have been established for some years, we have a second Theory session each year. The original session of the first Saturday after Labour Weekend is now supplemented by a Theory session in May each year. However, until numbers grow, we are anticipating that students entered in the May session will be supervised by the teacher at their studio as hiring venues is not necessary for small numbers. So saying we are happy to hire a venue if you have sufficiently large numbers. Please talk to the office if you anticipate this.

Syllabus News

Supplementary list for Performance Piano

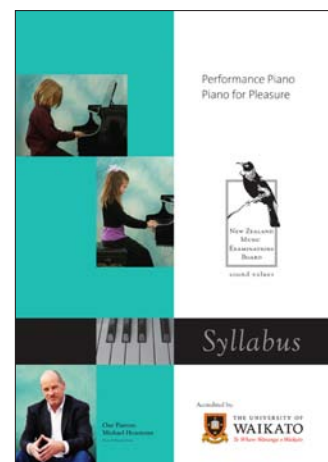
There have been some additions to the Syllabus for Performance Piano. http://www.nzmeb.org/download/Syllabuses/Performance_Piano_Additions.pdf Just click on this and hit print and you should have the list.

Printed syllabuses

Did you get yours? If you haven't yet got one, then e-mail the office and we'll send you one. If you would like us to send one to another teacher who is new to NZMEB, then please let us know name and address and we'll post it.

Free Canons for NZMEB Preliminary Students

Michael Williams, senior lecturer in composition at the University of Waikato has kindly written some Canons for Preliminary Piano. These are available for free download. Click here to download your copies: <http://www.nzmeb.org/Syllabuses/MichaelWilliamsCanons>.



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Teachers without internet may write to the office for a copy or, if they are happy to do this, ask the students' parents to download a copy. This music is copyright for students sitting NZMEB examinations and students may use their downloaded copy as an original when they sit their examination – therefore parents do not need to purchase a separate book.

Exam Entries News

Future Entries

In future, we will accept entries with either a student number or a student name and date of birth. This obviates the necessity to ask a student for their date of birth every time. Teachers might like to also fill in the student name field (as a check!). New entrants will need to have name and date of birth supplied. Teachers can obtain a list of their student numbers if they would like this ahead of the next round of entries. This is intended to make it easier for teachers to enter students and not an extra task for you. If you do not have the student number, we will find it for you when we receive the entry. The student name is not expected to be a different thing from year to year so if you do have a change to a name, you will need to separately identify this to us.

Practical exams in August and September this year

Just a reminder to you all that the exams this year are 15th August to 15th September. This move in dates is to align with the school term dates for 2011 and is not planned to be a permanent move of our exam dates. Teachers who have entered students should have received a confirmation at the beginning of this month. Teachers will receive exam entrant slips before the end of term 2. The scheduling is currently underway.

Office comment

The office really appreciates those of you who are able to be totally flexible with respect to exam dates. We realise that there are often special commitments and we always do our best to manage around them so as long as you let us know early in the piece we will endeavour to include these in the big matrix that is included in exam scheduling. A huge thanks, in anticipation, to all the teachers who will supervise exam sessions next term.

Other News

In response to your many requests, there have been several teacher workshops held in the last six months, including a very successful Singing Workshop with Judy Bellingham in Tauranga on June 19th. Teachers are encouraged to e-mail the office with suggested dates for workshops in your area. While NZMEB examiners are happy to conduct workshops, the travel and accommodation costs must be met by the workshop participants. There will be a charge for the workshop participants to cover this.

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