



ARA LODGE No 348 I.C.
MUSIC COMPETITION



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AUCKLAND PRIMARY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION (APPA)

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Principals, please ensure your music teachers and all parents of children learning the piano or a stringed instrument are aware of this information.

Introduction. Between 1998 and 2015 there was a Knights Templar – APPA Music Competition for children in years 5 - 8 that gave young people performance experience before an audience and with prizes that helped defray the cost of musical tuition to families. This particular competition ended in October 2015.

Current Situation. The Irish Lodge [ARA] has willingly offered to continue to support a music competition for the young people. Representatives from the Lodge have worked with members of the APPA Executive to work out the best way this competition would work. The APPA Executive are most enthusiastic about the competition that, not only provides a financial support towards tuition fees and replacement instruments, but also gives these young people public performance experience, feedback on their musicianship and provides a talent pool of soloists for APPA events.

This competition will, once again, be the most prestigious music competition for primary-intermediate aged children in Australasia.

Young people who are eligible are:

- Living somewhere in the APPA region between Pukekohe and Wellsford.
- In year 5-8 classes. Years 9 and over are not eligible.
- Have NZ citizenship or have Permanent Residency. Proof required.
- Have Grade 5 or higher in music exams. A copy of the certificate is essential.

If there are a large number of applicants there will be a Preliminary Competition on Sunday, 8th September. The finals will be on Sunday, 22nd September, from about 12.00 or 1.00 through to about 4.00 pm at the ARA Lodge at 87 Airedale St in the CBD.

Competition entry forms available:

- Your School Office [copy attached to this email] or school website.
- The APPA Website [www.appa.org.nz]
- The instrumental teacher if a member of IRMT [NZ].
- The Ara Lodge No 348 Website www.ara348ic.org.nz.

- The Co-ordinator [Leo Stafford-Bush]: (09) 6258-985
Email: leozora1@gmail.com.

What we would appreciate the young musician's school doing in support is:

- ✓ Having the application form and information available on the school's website or hard copies from somewhere or someone in the school.
- ✓ Providing competition information to parents whose children are learning the piano or a stringed instrument.
- ✓ Promoting participation in this competition at assembly or a special meeting where application forms and information may be handed out to take home.
- ✓ Assisting parents whose first language is not English to complete the application form if asked by that parent.
- ✓ Having someone check the application before it is sent to the co-ordinator to ensure that everything requested has been provided as below:

When pupils apply for this competition they must attach to their application form three [3] things:

- ✓ Their proof of citizenship or permanent residency – either a certified copy of their birth certificate or passport or, if born in another country, a certified copy of a document that proves their citizenship.
- ✓ A certified copy of their highest exam result. A pass in Grade 5 is the absolute minimum requirement.
- ✓ Three photocopies of the piece of music they intend playing. The piece will usually be between 3-5 minutes. Regard these times as minimum and maximum times. The name of the composition and composer must be on each copy.
- ✓ Four copies of the application form.

Note: Principals or a class teacher or specialist may certify these documents as True & Correct for the purposes of this competition.

The APPA and the ARA would appreciate your active promotion of this prestigious competition.

For further information either phone the coordinator Leo-Stafford-Bush [details above] or Terry Taylor [APPA representative] [09] 4836539. terry@kauripark.school.nz

Thanking you in anticipation,
Terry Taylor