

# Youth Ragtime Festival 2017

On Saturdays Nov 4, and Nov 11, the San Antonio Ragtime Society will sponsor it's 15th annual Youth Ragtime Festival and Competition. We strive to let young people experience this great American music that is Ragtime. We are thrilled that our three time winner, and retired champion went on to compete in the World Old Time Piano Contest, and in 2015 took 2nd place, and in 2016 won 1st place in the Junior Division. Our hobby of Ragtime piano has enriched our lives, and we hope that some of the kids that participate in the Youth Festival might find a new lifetime passion!

**The Festival Section, Nov 4 and 11:** Festival portion, where the students can play a simplified rag, and will receive a trophy and a score sheet with comments on their playing. Duets at one piano are welcome.

**The Ragtime Competition, Nov 11 ONLY:** Students must play an unsimplified rag by a recognized composer. Prizes will be awarded to the first three places.

Both Festival and Competition are open to students thru high school age.

**Open Section Nov 4 ONLY:** Open to all ages, who wish to learn a ragtime piece and perform it, and receive a trophy, and get comments from our judge. In past years, this has been a popular option.

Our Festival Registration is limited to 50 students each day Nov 4 and 11. We request teachers to enter up to 10 of their most advanced ragtime students. The competition contestants on Nov 11 will be in addition to the 50 festival students that day.

There is a registration fee of \$20.00 for each student, which includes entry to the concert by our judge on Sunday.

- **The registrations and payment must be received by October 14.**
- Please remember that by entering the festival/competition, you agree to accept the opinion of the judge, even though you may disagree.

Competition winners will be invited to perform at our ragtime concert on Sunday Nov 12, at 2:00 pm at Radius Center. We invite all lovers of ragtime to our Sunday concert, with a suggested donation of \$10. For further information you may call or email:

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