

POPULAR/CONTEMPORARY PIANO

Syllabus 2026

All selections in this category must be either

- covers from commercial artists and/or an original composition OR
- contemporary piano pieces that were written after 1960, and do not appear in either the current RCM or CC Syllabus.
- Examples of pieces/collections that can be included, but not limited to are:
 - Christopher Norton Connection Series (for pieces not in RCM or CC syllabi)
 - Canadian Contemporary Repertoire Series
 - Northern Lights Repertoire
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 - American Popular Piano Repertoire
 - The Galaxy Series
 - Violet Archer
 - Boris Berlin
 - John Burge
 - Christine Donkin
 - Anne Crosby Gaudet
 - Clifford Poole
 - Ann Southam

Selections from Conservatory Canada (CC) Contemporary Idioms lists and the Royal Conservatory of Music **Popular** Lists (RCM) are eligible.

Memorization is required.

Not Permitted:

- Rap and Hip Hop
- pieces listed in the RCM or CC **Classical** Piano Syllabus
- original compositions

Class Code	Level	Fee
PP-001	Beginner	\$22.00
PP-002	Primary	\$23.00
PP-003	Elementary	\$24.00
PP-004	Junior	\$25.00
PP-005	Intermediate	\$26.00
PP-006	Senior	\$27.00
PP-007	Advanced	\$28.00
PP-008	Adult	\$28.00

Concert Class – Popular Piano

Competitors must perform two (2) contrasting selections in any of the following genres: pop, pop/ folk, R & B, soul, rock, alternative, indie, jazz or country.

Selections must be covers from commercial artists in these genres.

Class Code	Level	Fee
PP-011	Beginner	\$45.00
PP-012	Primary	\$48.00
PP-013	Elementary	\$50.00
PP-014	Junior	\$52.00
PP-015	Intermediate	\$55.00
PP-016	Senior	\$57.00
PP-017	Advanced	\$60.00
PP-018	Adult	\$60.00

Own Composition – Popular Piano

One selection, own composition written by competitor/performer. Original music must be submitted to the adjudicator. Selection must be played from memory. Time limit – 4 minutes.

Class Code	Level	Fee
PP-021	Beginner	\$22.00
PP-022	Primary	\$23.00
PP-023	Elementary	\$24.00
PP-024	Junior	\$25.00
PP-025	Intermediate	\$26.00
PP-026	Senior	\$27.00
PP-027	Advanced	\$28.00
PP-028	Adult	\$28.00