

Memory Festival Application

The Memory Festival is a special event in which a student will prepare six pieces by memory and then receive a trophy. Participation in this event is optional and is evaluated on a pass/fail basis. The dates for evaluation are January 18 and June 7, 2009.

It is suggested that a student “collect” pieces during the three or four months preceding an evaluation. It is advantageous to collect pieces the child most enjoys playing. If a child is not able to play through all six pieces adequately, they will be given another chance to do so in the very near future.

The goal of the festival is to give the student a tangible reason for keeping a group of pieces “in their fingers” that they enjoy and can play well. Something very special happens when a musician plays a piece by memory for a long period of time. The playing of the piece becomes so automatic and effortless that a higher level of expression and artistic accomplishment is possible.

Once the application is submitted, the student will receive a practice chart, which requires documenting a rigorous routine of practicing the six pieces, for six weeks.

There is an application fee of \$10.00 for each performer. Make check payable to Amherst School of Music. The Adjudication takes place at Mr. Bianchi's studio.

Circle the date you would like for your evaluation

January 18, 2009 (application is due December 1, 2008)
June 7, 2009 (application is due April 15, 2009)

Student's name _____ age _____

Student's phone number _____ Student's teacher _____

List your six pieces:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____