

Central Florida Music Teachers' Association

2011 Piano Play-a-Thon

November 11-12, 2011

Dear Parent,

Piano teachers from all over Central Florida are getting their students ready for the annual Piano Play-a-thon! The Piano Play-a-thon is a wonderful opportunity for piano students to use their talents for a worthy cause, while at the same time have a unique performing experience. This year, we are holding our Play-a-thon in the **Oviedo Marketplace Mall**, on Red Bug Lake Rd. in Oviedo, just off the 417. The Steinway Company in Altamonte Springs has graciously agreed to provide a beautiful grand piano for us to use that day. Our plan is to fill the mall with music from 5-9pm on Friday evening, and then again from 10am-7pm on Saturday.

Each student will prepare some pieces to play. All types of music are acceptable: classical, pop, holiday, and duets. Pieces do not have to be memorized, but should be of performance-ready quality. Students of all ages and levels are encouraged to play, and all participants should of course dress nicely, as this will be a public performance!

This year, we are once again raising money to assist the Steinway Company's "Piano Bank", whose mission it is to provide pianos and lessons to children who cannot afford to buy a piano of their own. Please check out the Piano Bank's website (<http://www.steinwayorlando.com/society/>). This is a wonderful organization, and we are so glad to be able to support their efforts.

Students who participate in the Play-a-thon are asked to contribute a minimum of \$10.00, but are strongly encouraged to ask family and friends to sponsor them for each piece that they play. That amount might be \$1, or even \$5 per piece, but any amount is appreciated. Your child's teacher will give you more information about how to register as a member of his or her studio. The registration deadline is October 28, but sponsors are welcome to donate right up until the day of the Play-a-thon.

The Piano Play-a-Thon is one of the most enjoyable performance opportunities you student may have this year. Thank you for encouraging your budding musician to share their talents in support of this wonderful cause.

Wendy Chilton
2011 CFMTA Piano Play-a-thon Chair