

Dear Teachers,

The Annual QC Piano Ensemble Festival is on Friday April 26 at 7:00pm & Saturday, April 27 at 10:00am and at 3:00 pm following our Spring Meeting. This Festival will feature a Friday evening concert, featuring 88 Squared, a piano duo consisting of Jeffrey and Karen Savage, a Saturday morning masterclass with our guest artists and an afternoon program consisting of student ensembles all performing on the historic Pleyel double grand piano at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Over the past two years, we have received a significant amount of positive feedback following this event. Both students and teachers believed it was fun and worthwhile. The benefits of being involved in a music ensemble are many and it just takes a quick peek at a Google query to read the innumerable results. Benefits include improved rhythmic control, enhanced listening skills, meeting and working with other musicians and so much more.

We would like to see even more teachers from our FMTA organization participate and nominate ensembles from their studios this year. Ensembles can be piano 4-hands, piano trios, two-piano duos, quartets or concertos. They can be student/student, student/parent or student/teacher ensembles and all ages, playing levels and music genres are welcome. There will be a time limit of 6 minutes for each ensemble.

Teachers may nominate ensembles to play in the student portion of this Festival by completing the online form on [qcmusicteachers.org](http://qcmusicteachers.org) (the link for the Google Form is included at the bottom of this email and will be uploaded to the website sometime this week). Nominations due by April 6.

If there are more nominations than our time constraints allow, the Pleyel committee will need to limit the number of groups that perform. We will make every effort to include as many ensembles (if not all) from as many teachers as possible. Teachers will be notified by April 8th to confirm which ensembles will be performing.

We look forward to hearing from you!  
The Pleyel Committee

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