



## WMTA SACRED MUSIC FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

### INFORMATION AND CATEGORIES

**Students will play two selections within the following guidelines:**

#### CATEGORY I

- Two Simplified Hymns of the student's choice  
**OR**
- One Simplified Hymn **and** a hymn-based arrangement suitable for a prelude.

#### CATEGORY II

- One hymn of choice from the **Celebrating Grace Hymnal** played as written in 4-part harmony. The student will play an introduction to set tempo and one verse (no singing). Judges will listen for tempo consistency as well as breaths between phrases.
- One arrangement of a hymn tune suitable for a prelude.

#### CATEGORY III

- Same as Category II, but add a 2nd verse to be played with congregational singing. The first verse must be as written but students are encouraged to play the introduction and verse two freely as desired.
- One hymn-based arrangement suitable for prelude.

#### CATEGORY IV

- Two hymns of choice from the **Celebrating Grace Hymnal**. Same criteria as Category III, except the introduction and 2nd verse are **required** to be embellished/ altered freely as desired in at least one of the hymns.

\*\*\*Please note: Christmas music for the hymn arrangement is discouraged in order for students to be motivated to prepare a new piece in a timely manner, as is a required skill for church musicians.  
**\* Celebrating Grace Hymnal only for all hymns \***