

OPUS Camp's Audition requirements for Piano Applicants:

- 1) Scales/ exercises** – do 2 of the most comfortable for either Junior (up to 9th grade)/Senior (9th- 12th Grade and college freshman) Camp
- 2) One of the Two Excerpts** (either choose Junior or Senior Camp excerpt)
- 3) One polished piece of the student's choosing (has to be current - no past submitted performances).**

Audition videos must be complete and sent all at one time. It is advised that the total length of the videos not to exceed 7 minutes, except the current recital performance.

For the **scales and exercises**: please follow the tempo markings as printed and play them all forte (loud). For the **excerpts and polished piece**, add dynamics once all the rhythm and notes are secure. Always practice with a metronome for steadiness. Bring the audition repertoire to your private teacher for guidance. To be able to play successfully in a chamber group and as a team, counting and a steady rhythm is priority (foundation of music). Therefore practice in sections with this in mind.

Members of the audition team will evaluate every student's audition and will group the student with other students within their age range and performance level. The piano part for the chamber piece will be emailed to the student a month prior to the start of the chamber camp. Bring the piece to the private teacher for lessons once received. *If your private teacher is not available or is out of town, it is highly recommended to contact an OPUS piano faculty teacher or any other teacher outside of OPUS to work on your piece.* This OPUS teaching has a piano teacher's charge at their normal rate, paid by the parent. The available OPUS piano teacher list for you will be informed by contacting the camp director via campdirector@napopus.org.

The piano co-ordinator will do a "**check-up**" two weeks before camp begins. This "check-up" is a **no charge** 30 minute lesson just to see if the student is on the right track. Preparation is a big part of success so **the student should plan out their practice session within the month.**