

## Sunshine Piano Studio - Piano Year Schedule + More Music Opportunities for Students

**Sunshine Studio Piano Studio Year:** September – May, with optional July summer lessons

### Vacation Breaks:

Thanksgiving: November Thanksgiving week

Christmas & New Year's: December Christmas & New Year's weeks

Spring Break: mid-March week

**Sunshine Piano Studio Recitals:** December (Christmas Recital) & May (Spring Recital)

### Additional Music Opportunities for Students:

#### ETMTA Student Opportunities – Tyler, TX

East Texas Music Teachers Association is part of the TMTA & MTNA

**Fall Festival** – November – Students memorize and perform 1 solo and/or duet before a judge at Braithwaite Recital Hall, UT Tyler. Perform at festival with groups of 6 – 8 students. Fee

**Theory Testing** – January: last Saturday or Sunday. A written exam prepared by TMTA for Levels 1 – 12. Medals are awarded. This test is required for most convention activities. Fee

**Achievement Auditions** – March/April – Students play 3 memorized pieces before a judge at UT Tyler. 30 students are chosen for Sunday afternoon Honor's Recital, Braithwaite Hall. Fee

**Helen Elbert Music Festival** – April – A chamber music festival for the fun of playing music together. All area musicians can participate in groups of 2 – 15 musicians. No Fee

**Composition Contest** - winning composition featured & played at April performance. Fee

**Ensemble** for TMTA State Convention – students who have taken the Theory Test can participate in a Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced ensemble of students that play onstage full of grand pianos and in costume to go with music. Fee (part of fee is for a T-Shirt worn at Convention).

**Composition** – students compose solo or ensemble compositions that are submitted to TMTA for adjudication by highly qualified judges. Winning compositions are played at the TMTA convention with the possibility of going on to the national MTNA convention. Fee

**TMTA Convention** – student opportunities: Ensemble, All Stars, Digital Keyboard Orchestra, Chamber Music Clinic & Contest, Original Compositions. Most require taking the Theory Test.