Piano Exam Pieces

ABRSM Grade 8

Selected from the 2025 & 2026 syllabus

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You can listen to professional recordings of all 48 pieces on the syllabus – from both this book and the complete lists. They're available to stream from Spotify, Apple Music, Amazon and other major platforms.

Search ABRSM Piano Exam Pieces 2025 & 2026 for the official ABRSM album.

This book contains nine pieces from the Grade 8 syllabus, but there are many more!

We encourage you to explore the full repertoire lists to discover exciting pieces that inspire you, that you will enjoy learning, and that will allow you to perform to your full potential. You'll find the additional options on page 2.

You can play a mixture of pieces from this book and from the full lists – you just need to pick one from each of the lists A, B and C.

Editorial guidance

We have taken the pieces in this book from a variety of sources. Where appropriate, we have edited the pieces to help you prepare for your performance. Editorial additions are given in small print, in square brackets or, for slurs and ties, in the form . Details of other changes or suggestions are given in the footnotes. These editorial additions are for guidance only: you do not have to follow them in the exam.