



**Invitation
Design Competition for A PIANO SHELTER
to support KEYS FOR THE CITY; an AIA
Central Pennsylvania Chapter Design
Event**

KEYS FOR THE CITY

A Music for Everyone Project (MFE) in partnership with the Society of Design (SOD), Mayor's Office of Special Events (M.O.O.S.E.) and the City of Lancaster

Background:

Approximately 20 pianos will soon be placed throughout the city of Lancaster, courtesy of the KEYS FOR THE CITY program, for the duration of the summer (21st of May through the 17th of September). This is considered a "once in a lifetime interactive event". The pianos will be available for all citizens to play and all have been recently tuned. Their exterior surfaces have been custom designed by local artists/designers or by their corporate or business sponsor as promotional advertising.

The AIA Central Pennsylvania Chapter is organizing a design competition for the design of a single PIANO SHELTER to complement the KEYS FOR THE CITY program. The chapter will host the completion, judge the entries and organize the construction and installation of the winning entry. The shelter will be completed and installed in time for the **First Music Friday Celebration on July 16th**.

Who is Invited:

All Architects, Artists and Designers are invited to participate.

Project Description/Program:

The PIANO SHELTER will house the piano sponsored by Auntie Anne's. This piano will be located in the green space across the street from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design. The green space is bound to the west by North Prince Street, and to the south by West Chestnut Street (Auntie Anne's is directly across Chestnut Street to the south). The piano will be located at the north east corner of the green space.

The upright piano will be located on a square concrete platform 6'x6' square. Photographs of the piano are attached.

The program objectives are simple and are as follows:

- To design an inspirational temporary shelter for a piano, celebrating creativity and music in the city.
- To provide the Auntie Anne's piano shelter from rain. It should be noted that security is not an issue.
- The design for the temporary structure should be self supporting, stable, safe and constructible.

Photographs of salvaged piano parts have been provided; these parts are available for incorporation in the design of a shelter, should the designer wish to utilize them. However, this is not a requirement.

Judging of Entries:

The entries will be judged by a committee comprised of AIA, MFE, SOD and City of Lancaster representatives. The winning entry will be constructed and installed in the "green space"; therefore constructability and cost will be important considerations in selection. The winner will be asked to advise or work with, if so willing, a small committee to develop details, strategies for construction, and construction of the shelter. Designs will be recognized for particularly creative design solutions (even if they are not deemed constructible).

The Competition:

A Design Charette will be held on the 4th of June 2010 in Lancaster. Participants are encouraged to develop their design ideas prior to the official Charette time/date since actual design time on this day will be limited.

The Charette will be held between **1:00 pm – 5:00 pm** at the architectural offices of **Tippetts/Weaver Architects, 137 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.** The organizational structure for the Charette will be as follows:

- **1:00 pm - 2:30 pm:** Informal gathering at Tippetts/Weaver Architects to discuss the project, tour the downtown piano site and refine design sketches. It is not necessary for participants to attend this portion of the event.
- **2:30 pm - 5:00 pm:** Pin-up, critic and discussion, judging (2.5 hours).

Development/Realization:

Members of the AIA Central Pennsylvania Chapter are committed to the realization of the winning entry and will work with the winning designer in the development of the working construction details and final material selections.

Currently, we are working to identify a construction company that will be able to assist us with the construction of the Shelter in their shop space. We have several volunteers from AIA and SOD to assist with construction; and will be looking for more volunteers. Once materials have been determined we will be seeking both cash donations and material donations for the project. Work Fridays and Saturdays to construct the Shelter will be held in advance of the 16th of July and are tentatively scheduled for: June 11/12/18/19/25/26 and July 9/10 (as necessary).

We are hopeful that we can put the designed shelter to good use following the end of the KEYS FOR THE CITY PROGRAM.

Images Provided:

- Photograph of Auntie Anne's Piano.
- Photographs of available piano parts that could be incorporated in design of shelter.
- Background Information on KEYS FOR THE CITY program.

Inquires/Questions:

Should be addressed to the Piano Shelter Competition Coordinators from AIA Central Pennsylvania:

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Images:

Auntie Anne's Piano (Two Top Images) and Available Piano Parts

