

# SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Band, Chorus, and Orchestra students are invited to participate in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest. This event is scheduled to take place on **Saturday, February 18, 2023** at Scullen Middle School. Individual performance times will be scheduled between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM. The performance schedule is usually made available approximately two-three weeks before the contest day.

Solo & Ensemble Festival is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn a solo piece of music, perform with a piano accompanist, and receive comments from a professional musician. The musical growth that comes from participating in this event is measurable. Each participant will receive written comments from the adjudicator and a Division I, II, or III rating. Students receiving a Division I or II will also receive a medal. Students do not compete against other students; they are only seeking to accelerate their own musical growth.

## **SOLO PARTICIPATION**

Students are invited to perform a solo. **There is a \$9.00 performance fee for each solo.** Interested students should obtain an appropriate contest solo from his/her private instructor. Students not studying privately can obtain a solo from their Band, Chorus, or Orchestra Teacher. **Solos must be at least 28 measures long: this does not include repeats.**

All solos **must be performed with piano accompaniment as appropriate.** If needed, professional accompanists will be available for a **\$30.00 fee.** This will include 1-2 rehearsals with the accompanist, and the performance on **February 18.** If you are using a school accompanist, you will need to sign an agreement stating that you will pay the accompanist at the first rehearsal, even if you have dropped out of the festival at that point. This information will be coming to you as you sign up.

## **ENSEMBLE PARTICIPATION**

Students may choose to be included in a small ensemble. There will be a \$5.00 per person performance fee for each ensemble. **Small ensembles require additional practice and rehearsal time.** The \$30 accompanist fee will be split between the ensemble members. This is a great way to learn how to work with others and have fun making music with friends. *Be sure to choose ensemble members who you will be able to work with outside the school day!*

## **HELP SESSIONS**

**Students must attend at least three help sessions in preparation for the performance.** Help sessions with your classroom teacher will be available before and after school. Sign-up sheets will be posted in your classroom. This is to ensure that students have the best possible performance experience. If you are studying privately, please have your private teacher pick out any solo literature and complete a Title Information Form (which will be handed to you once you register).

## **CONTEST FEES TO BE PAID AT TIME OF REGISTRATION**

**Students are responsible for the cost of solo music, performance fees and accompanist fees.** Again, a solo requires a \$9.00 entrance fee, and each ensemble requires a \$5.00 entrance fee PER MEMBER. Please pay for **ENTRANCE FEES ONLY** through PushCoin (NOTE: **do NOT** pay for accompanists at this time). **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN.**

# Still Middle School Music Department Solo & Ensemble Sign up Form

This must be turned in before or on November 15.

Do not turn in Payment with this FORM. FEES will be paid separately through PushCoin.

*\*\*Accompanist fees will be paid later and given directly to the accompanist.\*\**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Circle: Voice or Instrument (what instrument?) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years on instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

## SOLOS:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to perform a solo. Circle one: VOCAL INSTRUMENTAL (\$9.00 entry fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ I take private lessons and my private lesson teacher will choose music for me.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will obtain music from my Still music teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I require an accompanist for my solo (except percussionists)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will use the Still school accompanist. (\$30 fee paid later.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will hire my own accompanist. (Name of your accompanist: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_ I'm a percussionist and do not require an accompanist.

## ENSEMBLES:

(YOU MUST KNOW YOUR WHOLE ENSEMBLE BEFORE YOU SIGN-UP. IF YOU NEED HELP FINDING A GROUP, ASK YOUR TEACHER!)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to perform in an ENSEMBLE. (\$5.00 entry fee, per person in ensemble)

The other members in my ENSEMBLE are \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that vocal ensembles require an accompanist (*unless it's an a cappella piece*)

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if we need an accompanist, we will share the \$30 cost equally between all people in the ensemble.

**TOTAL IT UP HERE:**

\_\_\_\_\_ solo @ \$9.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ensemble @ \$5.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount-pay in PushCoin: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SEND ANY**

**ACCOMPANIST FEES**

**AT THIS TIME.**

I have read the guidelines for fees and rehearsals. I give my student permission to participate in the Solo and Ensemble Festival, which will be held at Scullen Middle School (scheduled TBA between 8am -3pm) on Saturday, February 18th, 2023. I have paid my fees for the festival on PushCoin.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_