

JUDGED FESTIVAL OFFICIAL RULES

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2017

GORDON COLLEGE
255 GRAPEVINE RD,
WENHAM, MA 01984

The purpose of the Judged Festival is to provide students of high school age and under at varying levels of playing a chance to perform and compete in a judged recital format.

The theme for the Judged Festival for 2017 is **Romantic**.

Application Rules:

1. Applications will be open from December 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. No applications will be accepted after February 1, 2017.
2. Applications will be accepted **ONLINE** only. Please go to www.mmta.net to register.
3. All MMTA members (except student members) may send students to participate.
4. Non-members must pay a \$70 non-member fee, or you may join MMTA before January 15, 2017 to become a member and avoid the fee.
5. Student fees are:
 - a. Group A, B, or C - \$30
 - b. Group D, E, or F - \$40
6. Student fees are non-refundable, except for Rule 7 below.
7. If a group has less than four entrants, the group will not be offered and all fees will be refunded.
8. Please ensure that students are entered in the correct age group, as any discrepancies will result in the disqualification of the student. Students must be within the age in their respective group **on January 1, 2017**.
9. Students may enter in only **one** group each year.
10. Students must reserve the whole day, March 4th, from 8:30am to 5:00pm. No special scheduling accommodations will be made. No exceptions.
11. Teachers sending **three or more** students must commit themselves to helping out for a minimum of one hour on the day of the festival.
12. Students must have studied with current teacher for a minimum of six months preceding the event.

Performance Rules:

1. Students will be required to **PLAY ONE PIECE FROM THE REQUIRED REPERTOIRE LIST CORRESPONDING TO THEIR AGE GROUP**. Please read the required repertoire list carefully and ensure that students are playing the correct pieces.

2. Students not playing from the required repertoire list will not be allowed to perform.
3. Music must be performed by memory.
4. ***NEW*** - Please observe carefully on the Required Repertoire List whether or not repeats are to be taken on your piece. No repeats should be taken unless stated on the list. If repeats are stated, then first and second endings, as well as any D.C., shall all be taken.
5. Students must come before the group begins to choose numbers and decide performance order, and must stay for the entire group to hear all the other contestants.
6. Please bring an original copy of your music for the adjudicator with numbered measures. Photocopies will not be allowed.

Award Rules:

1. First, Second, Third Places and Honorable Mentions will be presented at the discretion of the judges.
2. Every student will receive a Certificate of Participation.
3. Judges shall have absolute privacy at all times. No one may speak to them under any circumstances or conditions, except members of the supervisory committee and monitors, until after the awards have been given. Contestants, their teachers, parents or friends who violate this rule will cause immediate disqualification of the contestant.
4. Decisions of the judges shall be final.

Please contact Heather Riley if you have any questions at [judgedfestival@mmta.net](mailto:judgetfestival@mmta.net) or call 781-789-0857.