



SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS FESTIVAL

FAQ's -- FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Congratulations on being selected to take part in our annual Scholarship & Awards Festival. We want you to have a positive experience, and to help you prepare, we have included answers to some common questions.

What are the day/times of the festival?

Festival dates are Saturday February 1st to Saturday, February 8th, 2020.

When will the day/times of the competition be posted?

The schedule of days/times will be posted for faculty three in early January. See your teacher for details. ***Please note, some classes are scheduled during school hours and some students may need to miss school.***

I have plans during my scheduled time, can I move to another group?

We are not able to accommodate class or schedule changes.

I need to change the order of my pieces, can I do that?

Pieces must be played in the order in which they were submitted on the registration form.

Do I need to stay for the entire class?

Yes. The adjudicator gives comments to all participants at the end of the class, and students must be present for the adjudication. It is expected that students be courteous audience for other participants, and no entering or exiting is permitted during a performance.

How do I arrange for an accompanist?

- LCMS assigns an accompanist for each class.
- Your teacher will pass this information to you via an accompaniment coupon.
- Students are responsible for calling the accompanist and making arrangements (the accompanist sets his/her schedule)
- LCMS covers the cost of the accompanist time during the Festival class. In addition, credits are provided for a run-through in the allocations below:
 - Elementary is provided 10 minutes
 - Junior is provided 15 minutes
 - Intermediate is provided 20 minutes
 - Advanced/Senior is provided 30 minutes
- Students who want to rehearse beyond their allotted time are responsible to both make arrangements with the accompanist, and for paying the accompanist for the extra time. Please bring the payment to the rehearsal – please consult your accompanist to determine the cost.
- Requests for additional rehearsal time will be accommodated as the accompanist's schedule permits.

Can I bring my own accompanist?

Yes, you may, however, you are responsible for paying for all rehearsal time as well as performance time. Coupons are valid only for accompanists specifically assigned to the student's class.

What should I wear?

The festival is a special occasion, and we appreciate it when students dress accordingly. Please wear clothing suitable for concert performance. If you have further questions, please consult your teacher.

When should I arrive, where do I go, do I have a warm-up space?

You will be informed of your performance time by your teacher. Plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead of your class. Details will be posted in the lobby.

There is limited warm-up space available. Please see the office to arrange time.

May I bring my friends and family to watch my group or other groups?

All Festival classes are open to the public and students are welcome to invite family and friends.

May I or my friends or family take photos and/or make recordings during classes?

Absolutely no recording or photos allowed during classes.

Do I need to bring music for the adjudicator?

Students must provide originals of all of their music for the adjudicator. Photocopies are not allowed. If you do not have original music, please ask your teacher well in advance. If your piece is part of a book, please attach a post-it-note to indicate where the piece is. Please be sure the bars are numbered.

I have already registered but now I have changed my mind, can I get a refund?

Registration fees are not refundable.

My child was sick and could not make it, can I get a refund?

Registration fees are not refundable.

When will I find out the results?

We want to provide a supportive and non-competitive environment for our students. In keeping with LCMS values, student marks are not published.

Teachers will be able to discuss a student's performance with them in their lesson, and will let students know if they have received a scholarship in the week following the Festival.

A list of scholarship recipients will be published on our website following the Awards Concert.

How will I know if I am performing for the Scholarship Awards Concert?

Students performing in the Awards concert will be notified the week following the Festival.

When is the Scholarship Awards Concert?

The Scholarship & Awards Festival Concert is on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at 2:00pm.

Who should attend the Scholarship Awards Concert?

Everyone! Even if you are not performing, all students receiving an award are expected to attend the Awards Concert, to receive their awards from the stage.

I received a trophy – do I keep it?

All scholarship award winners will receive a medal or a 'keeper' trophy. Some students will also receive perpetual trophies that list present and past recipients – these must be returned by May 31st, as they are updated every year.