



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 days of the festival?

Student auditions will be scheduled during the standard festival week, **February 6-13th**. The Zoom viewing sessions will be scheduled either during that week, or at a later time.

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

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 time?

We are not able to accommodate schedule changes.

May I bring my family to watch my performance?

Due to COVID safety measures, no audience is permitted. Persons permitted to be in the room for the audition will be the adjudicator, student, recording assistant, and accompanist (if applicable).

A video recording will be made of each student's audition. The adjudicator will record verbal comments on video, and also provide written comments for each student.

Student recordings will be organized into small groups and presented via Zoom. The adjudicator's oral comments will be shared with the class group at that time. Family, friends and faculty are welcome to watch the virtual festival classes.

How do I arrange for an accompanist?

- LCMS assigns an accompanist for each class.
- Your teacher will pass this information to you
- 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 45minutes
- 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.
- 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.

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?

You will be informed of your performance time by your teacher. Plan to arrive 15 minutes ahead of your scheduled time. Details will be sent to your teacher.

You will be given a designated space to wait in the lobby. If possible, we request that parents wait in their vehicles.

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. If you are planning on attending your audition via Zoom, please discuss with your teacher the best way to get music for the adjudicator.

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

Registration fees are not refundable.

My child is sick or needs to self-isolate due to COVID-19, what should I do?

If a student who has registered to participate in person is unable to do so at their scheduled time due to illness or COVID preventative measures, the student has the option to participate via live Zoom at their originally scheduled time. Please notify the office as soon as possible.

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 Festival.