

Festival Performance Guidelines

Performance Classifications

Listed below is a breakdown of the performance classifications available for your group.

Instrumental Classifications

CBI - Concert Band
CBII - Second Concert Band (for schools entering more than one Concert Band)
JE - Jazz Ensemble
OR - Full Orchestra
SOI - String Orchestra
SOII - Second String Orchestra (for schools entering more than one String Orchestra)
GE - Guitar Ensemble
PE - Concert Percussion Ensemble
PD - Parade

Choral Classifications

JS - Jazz Swing Choir
MD - Madrigal Choir (performing appropriate Renaissance literature)
ME - Men's Choir
MCI - Mixed Choir
MCII - Second Mixed Choir (for schools entering more than one Mixed Choir)
SC – Show Choir (performance includes choreography. Please note that performances take place in the same area as all other choirs. Standard Choral Risers are provided. Platform risers are not available and use of props is not recommended).
TC - Treble Choir (mixed ensemble performing SA or SSA literature. Must have both girls and boys (with unchanged voices)
WC - Women's Choir (all girl ensemble performing SA, SSA or SSAA literature)

All ensembles will be further classified under the following categories:

High School – Grades 9-12
Junior High School – Grades 7-9
Middle School – Grades 6-8
Elementary School – Grades K-6

Class A – accredited school enrollment less than 750 students
Class AA – accredited school enrollment 750 or higher
Class AAA – school age community ensembles and non-accredited schools only

R – Each organization for rating only will receive a trophy with the appropriate rating of superior, excellent, good, fair, or poor.

C – Each organization for competition will receive one of the listed ratings, and in addition, will be ranked within their classification.

Facility Description

Based on acoustics, logistics, and proximity to the park, the finest available performance facilities have been acquired. Ensembles will perform in acoustically acceptable performance areas in local schools, churches, colleges, and hotels within an acceptable distance from the park. Performances do not take place in the park.

Warm-Up Description

Warm-up areas are provided in order to tune, line up, and prepare for your performance. It is not a rehearsal room. In some instances, the warm-up area may not have chairs and stands. You may not leave backpacks or purses in the warm-up room. Instrumental ensembles will have 25 minutes to warm-up. Choral ensembles will have 20 minutes to warm-up.

Uniform & Changing Room Policy

Uniforms are optional for performances. Please be certain your students are dressed for performance before entering the performance facility. Changing facilities are not available at performance sites. We recommend that you designate buses for male and female changing of uniforms or have students wear casual clothes under their uniform.

Instrument Cases

All instrument cases should remain on the bus at all times. Please DO NOT take instrument cases into the warm-up or performance areas. Every case should be labeled with the student's and the school's name.

Arrival Guidelines

Plan to arrive at the adjudication site 30 minutes before your scheduled warm-up. When you arrive at the adjudication site, go directly to the Registration Area (Leave your students on the bus preparing for performance).

At the Registration Area you will...

Turn in your adjudicator's packets (2) and Announcer's Sheet

Remit payment for any last minute balance due on your Music in the Parks account (balance due cannot exceed \$500 at the festival)

Pick up your Amusement Park tickets & Music In The Parks student/director souvenir.

After you have completed this task, your students may enter the building. Please keep in mind that other ensembles are on stage performing while you enter. Encourage your students to show these ensembles the same courtesy and respect they would expect, and be as quiet and orderly as possible.

A representative will lead your students into the warm-up area. If you have arrived early, you are welcome to enter the performance area and view other ensembles' performances.

Please note, not all performance sites will have extra space available to hold students. If you are not planning on watching other ensembles, plan to wait on your buses (Fridays) or outside (Saturdays) until your scheduled warm-up.

Adjudicator Packets

The Director must furnish two (2) judge's packets consisting of original scores for each adjudicated composition with the measures numbered and performance selection sheet. The Director must also furnish an extra performance selection sheet for the announcer.

Music in the Parks will provide digital media for your verbal comments. You will be asked to fill in your ensemble information upon check-in at the Registration Table.

Performance Requirements

There are no music selection requirements. Music selection is at the discretion of the Director.

Your performance – Instrumental ensembles are allotted TWENTY-FIVE minutes. Choral ensembles are allotted TWENTY minutes. Each ensemble must complete the following in that time period.

Set-Up

Perform and optional warm-up - not to exceed three (3) minutes in length

Perform two selections of the director's choice for adjudication

Clear the stage

An organization's stage time begins when the first member of the group enters the stage. Total time on/off stage cannot exceed the given time allotment. There can be no more than a three (3) minute warm-up, which is optional. Two adjudicated selections are not to exceed the time limit, taking into consideration the logistics of set-up and exiting the stage.

**Madrigal Choirs and Show Choirs may perform more than two selections providing their entrance, warm-up, performance, and exit do not exceed the 20 minute limit. Show Choirs are strongly urged to limit props to ensure they do not exceed the time allowed. Any ensemble that goes over their 20 minute limit will be stopped.

Each school must supply a set-up crew to rearrange choral risers, music stands or chairs prior to their group's performance.

After your performance – Return to the Registration Area to pick up your conductor's scores and digital media. You will be asked to sign for these packets to guarantee that you have received this information.

Score Sheets and Recaps will be distributed at the Awards Ceremony. If you are not planning on attending the Awards Ceremony you must make prior arrangements with your festival host to pick up your trophies. Groups that have not made prior arrangements, or do not have a representative present at the Awards Ceremony will not receive their trophy.

Equipment Provided

Music equipment provided by the festival in the performance area includes:

Choral – Step Choral Risers, Acoustic Piano, One (1) Solo Microphone

Instrumental – Chairs, stands, four (4) timpani, bass drum, xylophone, chimes, orchestra bells, and one (1) solo microphone. In addition, a piano will be provided for Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra. You are required to provide your own mallets, etc. for provided percussion.

Additional percussion equipment is available at some performance locations. Contact your Regional Coordinator (contact information is listed in your Adjudication Schedule) to inquire about any additional equipment.

Music In The Parks does not provide the following: Trap Sets, Amplifiers, Platform Risers, Marimbas, Vibes, Extension Cords, Multiple Microphones, or CD/Cassette Play Back equipment.

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