

2009 M.A.M.T.G. SPRING FESTIVAL

COMPETITION RULES

* The Competition is sponsored by the **MID ATLANTIC MUSIC TEACHERS GUILD**.

* All Contestants must be residents of the United States and studying with an M.A.M.T.G. member.

Piano & Keyboard

* **OPEN SOLO & DUET CATEGORIES** - Contestants in all age restricted categories must not be over the age limit for their category. Contestants are permitted to enter any open category over his or her age in conformity with the rules. A clean sheet of published or manuscript music must be presented to the adjudicator at the time of performance. Selection of music is at the discretion of the student and teacher.

* **TEST SOLO & DUET CATEGORIES** - Music performed must be a selection from the Test Piece List. Music played must be the same edition as described and must be played as written. Repeats are optional. Judges will have copies of the test pieces in all Piano & Keyboard Test Categories.

* **OPEN POP SOLO** - May present either published music or a lead sheet. *Must not be Classical or semi-classical.*

* **SIGHT READING** - Each contestant will be presented a sheet of music containing 16 measures. The contestant will have 30 seconds to look it over before starting. Only the contestant, his or her parents, and the teacher will be allowed in the room.

* **ENTERTAINMENT - (Piano)** - Selection of music must be from Broadway, a Movie or Television Theme, or any selection that is considered to be pop. This category is strictly non-classical. A 30 second speech is required and not included in the time limit. Contestants may present either published music or a lead sheet. Music may be used. Contestants may dress according to the theme of the selection they have chosen. Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.

* **PERFORMANCE - (Piano)** - Selection of music must be Classical or Semi-Classical. A 30 second speech is required and not included in the

time limit. A clean sheet of published or manuscript music must be presented to the adjudicator at the time of performance. Music may be used. Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.

* Solos in all piano & keyboard categories except Entertainment, Performance, Prep, Adult and Evaluation must be performed by memory.

* Virtuoso Solo - (*Piano*) - Contestants may perform any selection of choice within the time limit. Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.

* *Piano contestants may enter the following:*

1 Classical solo - open *OR* test - (*may use same open selection in Performance and Virtuoso categories*)

1 Pop solo - open *OR* test - (*may use same open selection in Entertainment category*)

1 Ragtime solo - open *OR* test - (*may use same open selection in Entertainment category*)

1 Entertainment Solo - (*may use same selection as in Open Pop category*)

1 Performance Solo - (*may use same selection as in Classical Solo and Virtuoso categories*)

1 Virtuoso Solo - (*may use same selection as in Classical Solo and Performance Categories*)

1 Sight Reading Solo

1 Duet - open *OR* test

1 Evaluation Solo - (*may use same selection as in any competitive category*)

1 Evaluation Duet - (*may use same selection as in any duet category*)

1 Battle Of The Bands

* *Keyboard contestants may enter the following:*

1 Classical Solo - open or Test

1 Pop Solo - open or test

1 Ragtime Solo - open or test

1 Sight Reading Solo

1 Evaluation Solo - (*may use same selection as in any competitive category*)

1 Duet - open or test

1 Evaluation Duet - (*may use same selection as in any duet category*)

1 Battle Of The Bands

Guitar

* Pop Solo is non-classical. Must be Pop, Jazz, Novelty, etc. A lead sheet may be used.

- * **Open Solo is Classical and requires music of the Masters.**
- * **Music may be used.**
- * **Amplification is permitted.**

* *Guitar contestants may enter the following:*

- 1 Classical Solo**
- 1 Pop Solo**
- 1 Evaluation Solo - (may use same selection as in any competitive category)**
- 1 Evaluation Duet**
- 1 Battle Of The Bands**

Percussion

* **Solo should be played on Marimba, Snare, Drum Set, or any percussion instrument. Students should present a lead sheet 8 to 16 bars of a particular beat.**

* *Percussion contestants may enter the following:*

- 1 Open Solo**
- 1 Evaluation Solo - (May use same selection as open solo)**
- 1 Evaluation Duet**
- 1 Battle Of The Bands**

Voice

- * **Pop Solo is non-classical. A lead sheet may be used.**
- * **Open Solo is classical and contestants are required to perform a selection composed by the masters.**
- * **Voice plus any instrument may be used. Taped music is permitted. The Room will have a piano. Contestants must supply their own accompanist. Only the Voice is judged.**

* **Mid Atlantic Idol Category - May be any type of music to be sung within the time limit. (6 minutes). Voice plus any instrument may be used. Taped music is permitted. The room will have a piano. Contestants must supply their own accompanist. Judging will be based on overall performance including Dress. Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.**

* *Voice contestants may enter the following:*

- 1 Classical Solo**
- 1 Pop Solo**

- 1 Idol Solo - *(may use same selection as in classical or pop solo)*
- 1 Evaluation Solo - *(may use same selection as in any competitive category)*
- 1 Evaluation Duet
- 1 Battle Of The Bands

Woodwinds, Strings, Brass

* Solos may be any type of music to be played within the time limit. Music may be used and a clean sheet of the selection to be played must be presented to the judge. The room will have a piano. Contestants must supply their own music stand and accompanist.

* *Woodwind, String & Brass Contestants may enter the following:*

- 1 Open Solo
- 1 Evaluation Solo - *(May use same selection as open solo)*
- 1 Evaluation Duet
- 1 Battle Of The Bands

Accordion

* **OPEN SOLO & DUET CATEGORIES** - Contestants in all age restricted categories must not be over the age limit for their category. Contestants are permitted to enter any open category over his or her age in conformity with the rules. A clean sheet of published or manuscript music must be presented to the adjudicator at the time of performance. Selection of music is at the discretion of the student and teacher.

* **TEST SOLO & DUET CATEGORIES** - Music performed must be a selection from the test piece list. Music played must be the same edition as described and must be played as written. Repeats are optional.

* **OPEN POP SOLO** - May present either published music or a lead sheet. Music must not be classical or semi classical.

* **VIRTUOSO SOLO** - Contestants may perform any selection of choice within the time limit.

Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.

* All solos except Prep, Adult, and Evaluation must be performed by memory

* *Test List for Accordion Students shall be sent on request.*

Accordion contestants may enter the following:

- 1 Open or Test Solo**
- 1 Open or Test Polka Solo**
- 1 Open or Test Jazz Solo**
- 1 Original Solo - *(may use same selection as open solo)***
- 1 Ethnic Solo**
- 1 Virtuoso Solo - *(may use same selection as open solo or original solo)***
- 1 Maddalena Belfiore Solo**
- 1 Open or Test Duet**
- 1 Evaluation Solo - *(may use same selection as in any competitive category)***
- 1 Evaluation Duet**
- 1 Open or Test Ensemble - *(Each member of a winning ensemble will receive a trophy)***
- 1 Battle Of The Bands**

All Instruments

- * Contestants will be judged on the following criteria; Tempo, Dynamics, Phrasing, Technique, Interpretation , Musicianship, Memorization, & Overall Performance & Presentation. Decisions of the Judges are final.**
- * Battle Of The Bands - Must consist of at least 3 and no more than 8 members. Any combination of instruments is allowed. Selection can be either Pop, Rock, or Jazz.
Cash prizes plus trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place. Each member of a winning band will receive a trophy. Copy of music for the judge is not required.**
- * Music may be used in all duet categories.**
- * All Solos & Duets will be issued 1st through 5th place awards.**
- * EVALUATION CATEGORY - Non Competitive and will receive a participation award.**
- * Contestants may enter as many categories as desired in conjunction with the rules.**
- * The M.A.M.T.G. reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who has not complied with the regulations set forth. The M.A.M.T.G. also reserves the right to reject the entry of any contestant who has acted or performs acts that can be construed as being in violation of the rules and regulations of the Competition.**