



# GENERAL RULES & DESCRIPTIONS



**Revised - 2012**

The Competition & Festival is sponsored by the *MID ATLANTIC MUSIC TEACHERS GUILD*. All contestants in non-professional categories must be studying with an *M.A.M.T.G.* member.

**Contestants in all age restricted categories must not be over the age limit of their category before March 1st. Contestants should be prepared to furnish their birth certificates in the event of a question.**

**Entry Fees** - All entry fees must be submitted with the applications by the stated deadline. Applications received after this date will require a double fee. A registration fee of \$5.00 must be sent with each application. There is only one registration fee per contestant regardless of how many categories are entered.

**Evaluations** - Non competitive. Open to all instruments. Selection of music is at the discretion of the student & teacher. There is a 5 minute time limit. Music may be used. This is a private one on one between the student and the adjudicator. No one else is allowed in the room other than the student's family & teacher. The adjudicator will give a short constructive criticism of the performance. All contestants will receive a participation trophy & certificate.

**Pictures & Videos** - No "**Flash**" pictures or videos are allowed to be taken during any performance. This can result in a distraction to the student as well as the adjudicator. Pictures may be taken before & after the performance. The M.A.M.T.G. hires photographers to take candid photo's throughout the weekend which will be featured on the web site.

**All Instruments** - Contestants will be judged on the following criteria. Tempo, Dynamics, Phrasing, Technique, Interpretation, Musicianship, Memorization (where applicable), and overall performance & presentation.

**Complaints & Protests** - A signed letter by the complainant must be submitted to the Festival Committee within 10 days after the Festival. A protest fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) must accompany the letter.

**Time Limits** - All Times limits stated on the applications are the maximum. There are no minimums.

**Warm Ups** - All Contestants are allowed a 10 second warm up.

**The M.A.M.T.G. reserves the right to disqualify any competitor who has not complied with the regulations as set forth. The M.A.M.T.G. also reserves the right to reject the entry of a contestant who has acted or performs acts that can be construed as being in violation of the rules and regulations on this competition.**