



Oregon Music Teachers Association, Inc.

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Composition Celebration 2020

The goal of the OMTA Composition Celebration is to inspire young composers by providing an opportunity for creativity and self-expression.

Students submit their compositions to be critiqued by an adjudicator at the district level. Each district has a different submission deadline. For information about your district Composition Celebration, contact your district chairperson or check district websites at: <https://oregonmta.org/about/leadership/district-presidents/>. Some districts may also have a Composition Celebration recital where students perform their pieces.

Compositions may be scored by hand or with computer notation at the district level, but they must be scored by the student, not the teacher. Computer notation is required at the state level. Several free composing programs are available on-line, such as Finale Notepad and MuseScore. Compositions are evaluated on notation, form, timbre and style. All district participants receive a written evaluation of their composition from an adjudicator and a Certificate of Participation.

OMTA District Composition Celebrations are non-competitive events, but adjudicators recognize students with the most outstanding compositions as Honored Composers. These students are invited to advance to the OMTA State Composition Celebration to share their works and hear the compositions of other student composers from all over Oregon. Students need to enter their District Composition Celebration and be chosen as an Honored Composer to be eligible for entry to the State Composition Celebration.

At the OMTA State Composition Celebration recital, students are required to perform their own work or arrange to have someone else perform it for them. At the discretion of the state chair, a recording may be used if a student's piece involves complex scoring, multiple instruments or would otherwise be impractical to perform live. There is no adjudicator at the state recital. Certificates and trophies will be awarded to all Honored Composers at the state event.

A booklet of all Honored Composers scores will be available for purchase at the recital. The cost varies based on the number of entries, approximately \$5-\$7 per book.

The State Composition Celebration will be held Saturday, June 6, 2020, at Portland Piano Company.

Question? Contact Dianne Davies, State Composition Celebration Chair, diannedavies00@gmail.com or (503) 646-8190 home | (503) 998-5220 cell.

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