



Oregon Music Teachers Association, Inc.

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OMTA District Composition Festival ADJUDICATOR INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Adjudicators,

Thank you for offering your time and expertise as a Composition Festival Adjudicator. The goal of this festival is to inspire and encourage young composers. Your comments should focus on suggestions on how each composition, or future composition, could be improved. The focus should be on improvement and encouragement, not criticism. You are welcome to make suggestions, corrections and helpful markings directly on the student scores.

Enclosed you will find copies of the student compositions, recordings of student compositions to assist you in the adjudication process - if the compositions are not for solo instrument, blank Evaluation Forms for each student composer, and one blank Honored Composers List.

To assist you, the scores are grouped by age: Ages 5-8, Ages 9-11, Ages 12-14, Ages 15-19, College (to age 26), and Adult (non-college, non-music degree, and non-published).

After completing an Evaluation Form for each student composition, please select the works that you feel display particular merit. The composers of the works you select will be recognized as Honored Composers, and their compositions will be included on the OMTA State Composition Festival virtual recital. This recital is posted on the state website. Please adhere to the standard of selecting 30% of all submissions in each division as Honored Composers. If there are too few submissions to allow you to select 30% of each division, please recommend only the compositions you find to be worthy of recognition. Please list the Honored Composers you select on the blank Honored Composers List.

Please return all scores, recordings, completed Evaluation Forms and the completed Honored Composers List to the District Composition Chair by _____, so that the Honored Composers will have ample time to make corrections to their scores prior to the State Composition Festival Application deadline of May 5, 2024.

Our treasurer will send you a check for payment in full the day after your compositions are received.

Thank you for your time and expertise.

Gratefully,

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