

## MSBOA Virtual Solo & Ensemble for January 2021

Solo & Ensemble will run differently this year due to a virtual setting. There have been several changes to the procedure, outlined below:

### Registration & Fees:

- Registration begins Tuesday, December 15th and ends Friday, December 18th.
- All solos are \$10 each, but this does not include the cost of a medal.
  - Please note: you are responsible for getting your payment to Mrs. Mayes by the deadline.
  - If your payment is not received by **12:00pm (noon) on Friday December 18th.** your event will not be registered. There are no exceptions.
  - You can send your payment via Venmo: @Andrew-Shankles-1
  - You can also drop off exact cash to IA East with someone in the main office, then send an email to Mr. Shankles (again the email must reach me by Noon)
- If you wish to purchase a medal, you will need to purchase them (plus shipping) separately, and this order must be done through your director after the Solo and Ensemble Festival is complete.
  - In the event we are hybrid or virtual when the medals are received, it will be up to you to pick up your medal from IA East when they arrive.
- If you decide after registering that you are no longer interested in participating, there are no refunds.

### Music Selection:

- All music must come from an accepted publisher. No exceptions. The publisher list is linked [here](#). If it is highlighted in green, that is allowed. If it is highlighted in orange, you will still need to request permission, and they may not get back to you within the time constraints.
  - If the publisher is not listed, you do not have permission to perform that piece.
- You will need to show your original score at the beginning of your recording.
- You will also need to upload a scanned copy of your score with measures numbered.
- *If your music asks for a piano accompaniment, that is encouraged but not required. The absence of piano accompaniment will not affect your score.*

### Performance:

- Your performance must be uploaded via Opus Events no later than January 31st.
  - You may not pause your recording or edit it in any way.
- If you are doing a solo, and you are in 10th-12th grade, you are also required to complete proficiency testing. These are the scales/etudes that are usually for MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble Festival.
- Judges will listen to your performance once, then provide feedback.
- Due to the requirement that ensembles perform in the same room together, the International Academy Music Department has made the decision to not allow any ensembles this year.

- Timing:
  - If you are doing a 9th grade solo, you must have between 3 and 6 minutes of music.
  - 10th - 12th grade solos have between 3 and 6 minutes for a solo, plus an additional 3 minutes for scales and etudes.
  - You cannot upload more than the maximum time limit allowed.

These new rules have been created by MSBOA, and while Mrs. Mayes and Mr. Shankles understand how prohibitive these are for some of you, we cannot change anything at this point. If you have an event that may not meet these requirements, but would like some feedback for improvement, please let us know! We would be more than happy to listen and give you our own feedback.

If you have read all of these requirements and are planning to participate in MSBOA's Solo & Ensemble Festival for this year, please complete [this Google Form](#).

Thank you,  
Mrs. Mayes & Mr. Shankles  
IA East Music Department