



Dear Small Ensemble Contest Participants,

Thank you for entering our Small Ensemble Contest sponsored by the Arizona Wind Symphony, Friends of TCA, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts! We are very excited to hear your performance! Please refer to the included schedule for your warm-up and performance times. This year auditions will be held in the auditorium of Corona del Sol High School, which is located at 1001 E. Knox Rd. Tempe, AZ 85284. If you wish to eat in the area, there are several fast food restaurants nearby on Ray Road South of the school as well as Rural and Baseline North of the school.

When you arrive at Corona del Sol HS, please park in the first parking lot on your right after you turn onto Knox Road. Follow the signs to the entrance and look for the registration table. The check-in table will be manned by volunteers from the Arizona Wind Symphony. Please check-in with them, and they will lead you to your warm-up location. Please note: Corona will open at 8:00am, so please do not arrive prior to that time.

We will be using the band and choir rooms for warm-up, and there will be a total of 30 minutes between your warm-up time and performance time. Each room will have 10 chairs and stands that you may move to best suit your needs. Pianos will be available in each room for your use. Please do not leave belongings in the warm-up rooms, unless you are the last group of the day.

Once you leave the warm-up area with all of your cases and belongings, you will be led backstage for your performance. You may NOT play backstage. When you enter the backstage area, you will leave your cases off stage and set up for your performance. You will be allowed to do a brief warm-up and tune onstage before you begin your performance. Each performance time slot will be 15 minutes. Your performance will take place in the auditorium, and parents and friends are more than welcome to attend your performance. They may enter through the lobby of the auditorium. If your schedule allows, we invite and encourage you to watch other groups as well.

There will be three judges evaluating your group. You will give them the score to your piece (only 1 copy is required) when you enter the studio theater. The judges will each complete evaluation sheets during your performance. The three winners will be determined that day and posted on the Arizona Wind Symphony website: www.arizonawindsymphony.org. Emails will also be sent that afternoon to all band directors of the participating groups with results. Your evaluation sheets and state of the art recordings will be emailed to your band directors as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for participating in our contest! Chamber music is such a valuable part of music education, and you should be proud of your hard work and dedication! We wish you the best of luck, and we'll see you on Saturday, February 14th!

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