



Hamilton High School

Be Extraordinary

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Dear Directors,

Thank you for registering students to perform at the AMEA Solo and Ensemble Tier 1 Festival on Saturday, January 21, 2017. We are excited to hear all of the performances that the students will present at the event. The festival schedule is included in your email with a site map for Hamilton High School. Please park in the south parking lot, enter the building using the glass doors that face south, and check-in at the auditorium lobby to the right (across from the gymnasium). All check-in for the event will take place in the auditorium lobby where additional maps and friendly helpers can assist you. We will have pianos in all of the performance rooms. Please review the tips and advice below from AMEA President, Jennifer Hamilton. In addition, the AMEA Activities Handbook provides a full explanation regarding the festival (p. 90-106).

Does the director need to be present?

The director, or a school approve representative, must be onsite during their school's solo and/or ensemble performance times.

Remind students of the following:

- *Solo literature that is published with accompaniment MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WHEN PERFORMED. Students are allowed to use recorded accompaniments providing he or she provides their own equipment.*
- *Students must provide an original score with all measures numbered.*
- *Students should be dressed professionally for their performance (attire/appearance will have an effect on their overall performance scoring).*
- *The following time limits include entering the room, tuning, performing, and clearing the room: 10-minute time limit for solos and small ensembles; 15-minute time limit for large ensembles (minimum of 10 and maximum of 24 members).*

Will verbal comments from the adjudicator be provided?

Only if time permits within the performance time limits. The students will receive the written commentary at the conclusion of the festival.

Good luck to all of the performers. We look forward to seeing you on January 21!

Sincerely,

Julie Trent
AMEA Solo & Ensemble Chairperson, Hamilton HS site