

Marlowe Middle School Music Department

Solo and Ensemble/Chamber Performance

Hello Marlowe Music Students and Families,

We hope you have enjoyed seeing your son or daughter grow musically this year. One of the exciting events in the music program this year is the Solo and Ensemble Festival, held on **Saturday, May 11th** here at Marlowe Middle School. This performance opportunity gives students a chance to perform technical and musical skills in an individual or small group setting. Before the end of the year, all students will be performing either at Solo and Ensemble or in class.

Students who are interested in participating in Solo and Ensemble should fill out the Solo and Ensemble Google form found on the music website and return it by Friday May 3rd. The fee for participation in the event is \$10, which helps us pay for judges, medals, and trophies for the students. Time will be assigned based on availability between the hours of 9AM and 12PM. If you need a specific time, please indicate so on the form and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. If you wish to perform both a solo and an ensemble, please let us know on the Google Form so we can schedule you accordingly! Note: students only need to pay the \$10 fee once and can perform in more than one setting.

Students who are not interested in Solo and Ensemble should fill out the Chamber Music Google form found on the music website and return it by Friday May 3rd. There will be no fee for in class performances, however you will complete the same steps in picking out music and rehearsing with your group. Your in class performance day and time will be assigned to you.

Can I perform both in class and at Solo and Ensemble? YES! Students are more than welcome, but not obligated to do both.

Where can I pick music?

We will bring out our collection of Chamber Music for you to look through and choose from OR you can pick something off of SmartMusic. If you find something online you would like to perform it must be cleared with your teacher no later than May 3rd.

A few things to keep in mind when choosing a solo from SmartMusic:

- 1) 6th graders can select from: Standard of Excellence Festival Solos Book 1, Essential Elements Book 1
- 2) 7th graders can select from: Standard of Excellence Festival Solos Book 2, Essential Elements Book 2
- 3) 8th graders can select from: Concert & Contest Collection or Classic Festival Solos
- 4) ***Do not*** select anything that is published by *MakeMusic Inc.* because we cannot get hard copies for the judges. However, these are terrific pieces to practice on your own!
- 5) Any piece chosen to be performed that is not currently in the school library will need to be purchased by the performer in order to provide a hard copy for the judge. The selections listed above are owned by our school library!
- 6) If you would like to have a live piano accompaniment – that is great, however you will need to find your own accompanist and schedule time outside of school to practice.

If you have any questions please contact your teacher and we will help you in any way we can.

Thank you and good luck!