

VOICE FESTIVAL INSTRUCTIONS-2025

DATE: Saturday, February 15, 2025

LOCATION: University of New Orleans

MAKE-UP DATE: TBA

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2025. Please note that you must register on Vivace by **11:59 pm EST**. After that time you will be locked out of the system. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**

RULES: Please read carefully the rules and regulations in the 2024-2028 NFMC Bulletin as there have been some changes. There are also several errors/omissions in the vocal section and it is **your responsibility** to go to the NFMC website at www.nfmc-music.org to check for repertoire corrections, etc. **Please note that there are 15 pages of corrections for the Voice Section.**

PROGRESSION: Any student who earned a superior rating at the last festival must progress to the next higher level with some exceptions. **Please read all of the rules on Page 144.**

DUET PARTNERSHIPS: The lowest permissible class is the **lower partner's solo class**. Also, the entrants' solo classes must be within 2 levels of each other.

ACCOMPANISTS: Please furnish the name of each student's accompanist in the appropriate place in Vivace. We need this information in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.

MUSIC FOR JUDGES: Students must provide an original score for the judge. Legally downloaded music is acceptable. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

MUSICIANSHIP THEORY TESTS: To be administered at Piano Festival on February 8 at Atonement Lutheran School.

MAKE-UPS: Please contact Bonnie Knowles to request a make-up if a student is unable to sing on festival day.

HONORS RECITAL: After much discussion it has been decided that we will no longer hold an Honors Recital. Judges will choose outstanding students for an "honors performance" designation and a certificate and ribbon will be given to each of those students.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Please make a note in Vivace.

SCHEDULING: Please indicate any scheduling requests in the appropriate place in Vivace.

FORMS: Some forms have been changed or completely eliminated. Please make sure that you are using **current forms from the NFMC or MMC websites**. They should be dated 2021 (NFMC) or 2023 (MMC).

1. NFMC form JR 3-8 Festivals Official Application is **no longer required**.
2. TEACHER'S LIST: This form is **no longer required** since all information is now in Vivace.
3. RATING SHEETS: **no rating sheets are needed.** These will be generated through Vivace and printed out by Mark. I will have them at Festival.
4. **3 X 5 Index Cards: You do not need to submit these for new students.**
5. **Payments:** Payments will be automatically calculated in Vivace and each teacher will receive an invoice. Please mail or drop off your check to:
Mark Vile- 1501 Airline Park Blvd., Metairie, LA 70003. Call me with any questions at 504-812-5681. Thanks for your participation!