



To: Students
From: Mr. Griffith and Mr. Oranchak
Date: October 04, 2023

Students,

Now is the time to begin thinking about Solo & Ensemble. This is an opportunity to perform a solo or duet in front of a professional on your instrument. The judge will hear you and give you direct feedback on ways to improve your playing and musicianship. You will be given a I-V division rating. All division I ratings can continue to the State level of S&E and perform again.

We strongly encourage everyone to participate in this opportunity. This year's Solo & Ensemble festival will be held on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** (there will not be a Friday percussion date this year. All chamber choirs (9 or more members) will perform on **Saturday, January 20, 2024**. **All festivals are held at Rochester High School**. Performance times will be released at least 1 week prior to the festival date. When we register you, we can pick a preferred time of day for your event; early (8a-12p) middle (10a-2p) and late (2p-5p). There are no promises as the process is complicated. MSBOA will do everything possible to honor as many requests as possible, but plan on being flexible as they must schedule hundreds of students for this event.

If doing a solo, please be aware that you will have to have a piano accompanist, which will have a fee attached depending on the accompanist's rate. If you need help finding someone, please ask us for help. **Each student is limited to a total of 3 S&E events (1-8 members) AND 2 chamber events (9+). No two events may be the same (e.g. 2 trumpet duets, 2 sax quartets).**

You should try to have a piece selected when you sign up. It is possible to change pieces, but we have found that the largest reason for a student not doing solo and ensemble is because they did not select a piece ahead of time. Lastly, we are happy to work with anybody during your preparation for solo and ensemble; all you must do is ask. This slip, along with payment (fees are found on the back of this form), is due **Friday, October 27, 2023**. Please turn it in to Mr. Oranchak. **DO NOT turn in this form without the required payment. We will not accept the form without the payment attached.** If you are performing in a group, make sure you **have all the money for the group** in **ONE** envelope. Please fill out one form for **each event**. Do not include all your events on one form.

(tear/cut along dotted line. Place 1 form per group and registration fees in an envelope and submit to Mr. O on or before October 27th)

Solo _____ Ensemble _____ Piano Solo _____
 (Specify: Duet, Trio, etc.)

Instrumentation _____

Student(s): _____

Time Preference: Early (8a-12p) Middle (10a-2p) Late (2p-5p)

Name of Piece: _____

Composer: _____

Name of Accompanist: _____

(Correct spelling is crucial – double check the spelling of your accompanist's name.)



Below are the fees associated with each event:

All Solos:	\$17
All Ensembles (2-8)	\$10 per member (Duet=\$20, Trio=\$30, Quartet=\$40, etc)

LCN Bands usually will put together chamber ensembles/choirs. These groups, comprised of 9 or more students, meet outside of the school day (usually weekly) and are paid for by the band program. Sign-up for the larger groups will take place in October. See the Music Library door to sign up. Please note, the larger events (9 or more members) perform Saturday, January 20th, while the smaller groups (1-8 members) perform Saturday, February 3rd.