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To: Piano Instructors/School Music Teachers/Interested Students
Re: 2020-2021 **Piano NYSSMA** Solo Evaluation Festival
Date: December, 2020

NYSSMA Zone 7 will provide one festival for piano adjudication this year. It will be a completely virtual event and all interested students should plan on registering as soon as possible as it is the only opportunity for piano adjudication this festival season. The following information will guide students, families, and teachers through the process which is different as compared to past years.

REGISTRATION:

Complete the attached registration form and return to my office, with payment. All registrations/payment must be received by January 7, 2021. Due to the timing of the festival, we cannot accept registrations beyond that date. Please make checks payable to Shenendehowa Schools and write "Piano - student's name" in the memo section. NYSSMA fees are as follows and are non-refundable:

- Levels 1-4 \$22
- Levels 5-6 \$30

FESTIVAL:

This festival will be held virtually. All standard festival rules apply. All solos should be listed in the current manual (Edition 32 - Effective July 2018). Students should be consulting their private lesson instructor for advice on solo/level selection.

After registration closes on NYSSMA's end, my office will provide a *url* to the email address listed on your registration form. That *url* will be a platform where students can upload performance tasks that will ultimately be evaluated by certified NYSSMA adjudicators. More detailed information will be shared on that part of the process. This format is new for all of us so your patience is appreciated.

Please consult the NYSSMA website (www.nyssma.org) for additional information and FAQs about the festival and the respective procedures. Note that registration is a local process (meaning it happens through my office) and subsequent steps in the process occur beyond the scope of my office. We are here to support registration for the festival. We are not equipped to assist with technology issues and the uploading process once the previously referenced *url* is shared. Families should plan to work directly with their private instructor on such matters.



**REGISTRATION FORM
NYSSMA PIANO FESTIVAL**

Student Name: _____

Grade in School: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Parent Email: _____

***** (E-MAIL WILL BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION – PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY)**

Parent Phone: _____

NYSSMA Solo Level: _____

NYSSMA fees: Levels 1-4 \$22, Levels 5-6 \$30

Private Teacher's Name: _____

Private Teacher Email: _____

Acknowledgement required by NYSSMA:

By registering students for the NYSSMA Virtual Evaluation System, you acknowledge that the student's image and music performance will be stored electronically with access provided to a NYSSMA Adjudicator for evaluation purposes. Additionally, the NYSSMA Zone Representative for your area will access for purposes of review. No other persons will have access to the files unless needed for NYSSMA purposes of review and quality control. No person involved in this process can download or save files that are uploaded. Files will be saved approximately four months after the conclusion of the NYSSMA festival season.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____