

## MID-AMERICA MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

Dear Friends and Music Colleagues:

The time to plan for spring music festivals is upon us! We invite you to join us for the **33rd Annual Mid-America Music Festival** to be held on our campus on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. Entry forms are enclosed with this letter and are due by **March 17, 2023**. Late fees will be applied after this date.

**This festival is designed to encourage and support participation in music by young people in the four-state region, and to give positive encouragement to these young performers in a way which will assist their musical development.** Area grade and junior high school students through grade nine, as well as those pre-school students whose teachers feel such a festival would be beneficial, are eligible to participate in this event.

**Instrumental categories** include piano and all instruments of the band and orchestra in classifications of solos, duets, trios, quartets, small ensembles of up to 14 members, and large ensembles up to and including full band and full orchestra. **Vocal categories** include solos, duets, trios, quartets and small and large ensembles as defined for the instrumental classifications.

Festival adjudicators will provide written comments for each entry and assign a **rating** ranging from I (Excellent), II (Good) to III (Fair). Also, in recognition of their special effort, each solo entrant will receive an attractive commemorative medal and a certificate, and each member of a small ensemble will receive a ribbon and a certificate suitable for framing. Large Ensembles will receive one certificate and one commemorative plaque. Medals for members of all ensemble groups, large or small, and ribbons and certificates for members of large ensembles may be purchased on the day of the festival or ordered later.

The PSU Overman Student Center will be open throughout the day for lunch and snacks. Options for dining include The Gorilla Crossing (SubConnection, Pizza Hut Express, Simply to Go, Nudles, and Sky Ranch Grill) and University Club (Einstein Bros. Bagels and Wholly Habaneros). There are also several eating establishments within walking distance of the PSU campus, such as the Mall Deli, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, Jimmy John's, Freddie's, Hardees, McDonalds, and KFC. Also, there are numerous restaurants on the north and south areas of Pittsburg that would be suitable for larger groups in buses.

Another wonderful feature on the PSU campus is the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts, which some groups will be utilizing during the day of the festival. Campus and area directions will be sent to all entrants prior to the festival day, along with complete information regarding traffic routes, parking, and festival locations.

**Complete festival information including fee schedule, deadlines and procedures, and any other information for the day of the festival [are available here](#).**

Please contact us if we can be of any assistance to you as you make festival plans! The faculty and staff of the Department of Music of Pittsburg State University pledge to do everything possible to ensure a rewarding and enjoyable festival for you and your students.

Sincerely,



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