

Greetings from MMTA!

The MMTA Board and competition officials have been considering how to manage the auditions for this fall given the evolving public health threat. Our primary concern is the safety of our students, members, and community. We are also committed to providing the best possible experience for all involved. To that end, we have determined that the best balance of those considerations would be to host all-online auditions for this year only. While we realize that this format is not ideal, we believe that it has great value since it provides students and teachers a tangible goal and beneficial feedback.

Since MMTA's costs associated with hosting the auditions are less this year (no on-site costs), we also decided to pass that savings along to our members. We hope the reduced fee of \$25/entry will encourage participation. This reduced fee will apply both to the district and state levels of competition for MMTA.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, here are some important registration and submission deadlines for both MMTA and MTNA:

MMTA District:

Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 6

Video Submission Deadline: Sunday, September 20

MMTA State:

Registration Deadline: Sunday, October 18

Video Submission Deadline: Sunday, October 25

MTNA State:

National Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 16

State Video Submission Deadline: Sunday, October 25

MMTA is aware of some of the inherent issues regarding access to resources throughout the state (high-quality audio/video equipment, quality of instruments being used, safety of public spaces, health ordinances, etc.). We will continue to work with the district and state officials on ways to make the competitions as equitable as possible, while instructing the adjudication panel to assess the quality of musicianship displayed, rather than recording and instrument quality.

Please trust that this decision was the result of much discussion over many weeks. In addition to consulting MTNA, we looked at trends in other associations. We will certainly miss seeing each other this fall and look forward to being back in-person in 2021!

Sincerely,
The MMTA Board