

Solo & Ensemble Strings (Two Opportunities)

Solo & Ensemble Registration

Now through Monday, January 9, 2017 for the...

- New Trier High School Solo and Ensemble Festival **March 4, 2017**
- Northwestern University Solo and Ensemble Festival **March 18, 2017**

These are **TWO** very valuable solo and ensemble opportunities, one is our own New Trier High School Festival (March 4) and the other is the Northwestern Festival (March 18). We would encourage all students to participate as they can receive invaluable feedback from top professional clinicians from the Chicago area. The more immediate and diverse the feedback that student musicians receive about their playing, the more it helps move that student down the road towards mastery. **All orchestra students currently studying with a New Trier High School private instructor, are expected to register for the New Trier High School Solo and Ensemble Festival** (please consult with your private teacher).

Additionally, should ANY orchestra member choose, they may also register to perform a solo or ensemble and participate in one or both of the New Trier High School and/or Northwestern Solo and Ensemble festivals.

Freshman Orchestra

All members of Freshman Orchestra are required to register for the *Ensemble* portion of the New Trier High School Solo & Ensemble Festival (March 4). All Freshman Orchestra members will be involved in a chamber ensemble performance for this event. The cost for each member is \$6.00 and the registration and payment is through RevTrak (please see the link below).

Performing a solo or as a member of an ensemble for festivals such as these, is so important in the development of the student musician. We strongly encourage all to participate!

1. New Trier High School Solo & Ensemble Festival Information **Saturday, March 4, 2017** Location: New Trier HS Winnetka Campus

We believe this experience will be an invaluable opportunity to further your skill and enjoyment as a musician. We seek out some of the finest clinicians in the Chicago area to provide accurate and insightful comments about your performance. The following information will give you clear directions on what you will need to do to make this experience successful.

Your preparation for this performance requires significant dedication and effort over months. The final performance is open to family and friends. In recognition of each student's unique development as a musician, no ratings or awards will be given. Each solo and ensemble will receive both verbal and written feedback provided by the clinician.

Accompanist

Secure an accompanist if your repertoire requires one. Those who are performing solos must have a mandatory rehearsal time with their accompanist. However, an accompanist is not necessary if the score does not require one. For the NTHS Solo and Ensemble Festival, students are encouraged to use a NTHS Music Department appointed accompanist. If you indicate that you are using a NTHS assigned accompanist, it is mandatory for you to sign up for a rehearsal time with your assigned accompanist. The NTHS assigned accompanist fee is \$45.00 which includes a 30 minute rehearsal and the performance. Should your piece require additional rehearsal time, each additional 30 minutes would cost \$30.00. Please note, should the NTHS assigned accompanist determine that they cannot be your accompanist, it will be your responsibility to secure a qualified accompanist.

Performance

Consult the Schedule for your performance time and location (see your director). Consult the Schedule for available warm-up rooms on the day of the performance. Please provide ample time to warm-up and be at your designated performance room five minutes before you are scheduled to perform.

General Information

Participation requires regular outside of class rehearsal time. Instrumentalists need not memorize their solo.

You must provide an original score (no photocopies) for your selection and measures must be numbered. For solos you must provide an original copy of the SOLO PART only. For ensembles, you must provide an original copy of the SCORE. Photocopied

music may be used only in an emergency. The only acceptable instances of an emergency would be when the Music is out of print with no new score available or the Purchased Music copies are backordered.

Please note: entry fees and accompanist fees will not be reimbursed if you should later decide not to participate.

Performance time for the prepared selection should not exceed **six minutes** including the time needed for set-up and tuning. The scheduled time for each instrumental solo or ensemble is 10 minutes.

There is no required selection for any event; the soloist and their teacher should choose a work that is best suited to their capabilities.

Appropriate concert attire is required.

Registration

- Your registration is secured by making the requisite payment through RevTrak's INSTRUMENTAL Solo & Ensemble Festival link: <https://newtrier.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=238>
- All registrations must be completed by Monday, January 9, 2017

Fee Schedule

- Solo - \$12.00 per event
- Ensemble - \$6.00 per performer per event
- Accompanist - \$45.00 (includes a 30 minute rehearsal and the performance)

2. Northwestern University Solo and Ensemble Festival Information

Saturday, March 18, 2017 Location: Northwestern University Campus, Evanston

Sponsored jointly by Northwestern University School of Music and Northshore Concert Band.

Student musicians will perform solos and ensembles for area musicians receiving both verbal and written feedback following their performance. Adjudication is available for all string instruments. Recipients of a I or II rating will receive an award medal.

Unlike other area solo and ensemble contests, the Northwestern University festival is open to all public and private school teachers as well as private instructors. In addition, while students are waiting for their rating, they can attend a variety of master classes and free performances.

Those who choose to do a solo for this Northwestern Festival are responsible for acquiring their own accompanist!

To those participating in the Northwestern Solo and Ensemble Festival, scheduled times and rules will be distributed once we receive this information from the Northwestern Solo and Ensemble Festival organizers. Your director will give that information to you when available.

Registration

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Fee Schedule

- Solo – \$18.00 per event
- Ensemble – \$10.00 per performer per event
- If performing a solo, you must secure your own accompanist for this festival!