

Classical Guitar

THE NYSSMA MUSIC FESTIVAL STUDENT LETTER

This year the NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) Solo Music Festival will be held virtually. All classical guitar soloists students are eligible to participate in this festival. Students are given the opportunity to perform a prepared piece either virtually before a judge or to upload a pre-recorded solo. They will receive a written evaluation and grade. For older students, this grades weigh heavily on their acceptance into next year's All-County organizations. **Eligibility is open to students in grades 1-12.**

Music should be chosen from the current NYSSMA Manual (Edition 32 - Effective July 2018) which is in every school music office. If your child is enrolled in private instruction he/she should consult the private teacher regarding the choice of music, otherwise the school music teachers can help the student select the piece. **All students however, *must* register through a school music teacher and should play or sing their selection for the music teacher prior to the festival adjudication.**

If your son/daughter is interested in participating, please fill out the form on the next page and return it, along with the fee to his/her school music teacher **no later than January 11th**. Within 48 hours of receipt of your child's registration materials, the school music teacher will email you a confirmation of receipt. If you do not get this email confirmation, or if you have any questions regarding NYSSMA, contact a music teacher in the building your child attends.

The Process:

- A selected piece of music must be purchased by the student/parent
- The student will be registered by their school music teacher after receiving the completed registration form and payment is confirmed
- During the upload dates, students will log on to a website (given by their music teacher) and complete the following 4 tasks.
 1. Registration and Scan Original Music
 2. Performance of prepared scales
 3. Perform their solo or upload their pre-recorded solo (.mp4, .mov or .wmv formats accepted)
 4. Play a sight reading excerpt
- Students will have two chances during the upload dates to submit their performance

Festival	Payment Due:	Upload Dates:	Level:	Fee:
Classical Guitar	January 11, 2021	March 17, 2021 – March 24, 2021	1-4	\$16.00
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Return this form with a check to your school music teacher before January 11th.

Student's Name _____ Grade in School _____

Instrument **Classical Guitar**

Name of Solo _____ NYSSMA Solo Grade Level _____

Composer/Arranger _____ Movements _____ Manual Page# _____

(Please make sure that this piece is listed in the NYSSMA manual)

Fee Enclosed: **\$24.00** - Level 5&6 adjudication (15 min.) Check # _____
\$16.00 - Level 1- 4 adjudication (10 min.)