

Hello to all String Teachers!

We are looking forward to having the AMTA State String Auditions at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church North Building on April 18, 2010. The deadline for entering string solo, concerto and chamber music auditions is March 27th. I will need to know who you are planning to use as an accompanist for both the solo and the concerto auditions. This will factor into scheduling auditions for both.

There is a line on the concerto audition form for you to list the accompanist's name. If there is not a place to list the accompanist on the solo form, please list the accompanist at the top of the page. This is very important.

Please follow the requirements regarding eligibility and procedure for entering the auditions as listed in the Student Activities Handbook 2006-2010 on page 28. Theory requirements are listed on pages 30-34. Age classification for solo auditions is according to the students' age as of September 1st preceding the audition. To remind you, the divisions are listed below:

Division I Ages 6-11

Division II Ages 12-14

Division III Ages 15-18

Concerto auditions are categorized as either Lower Concerto (ages 6-14) or Upper Concerto (ages 15-18). Chamber Music auditions are categorized *Upper* or *Lower* by the age of the oldest student.

Teachers should mail to me no later than March 27 two completed copies of the Teacher Application form along with a Student Solo Audition Form (one per student with \$20 fee per student), a Student Concerto Audition Form (one per student with \$20 fee per student) or a State Chamber Music Form (one per group with \$20 fee per group) whichever may apply. *Please print the information on each form.* Each audition form should have stapled to it the appropriate age/instrument theory sheet which can be downloaded and printed from the AMTA website. (<http://almta.org/>) Forms labeled 2009 are okay. Last minute forms can be emailed to me, but checks must be received in the following week! However, you will be scheduled at the ends of judging rounds.

*Include in this envelope one check made out to me to cover fees for all of your entering students or groups. Do not make your check payable to AMTA! All forms with a check must be mailed in a large business size envelope and cannot be folded. I cannot accept forms from students or parents! Please also include a self addressed stamped envelope or email address so that I can mail your student/group audition times. The auditions schedule will also be posted. Time preferences will be honored if possible, but not guaranteed.

*Registration is invalid if your check has not cleared by April 2.

My mailing address is:

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Other important information

1. Students and accompanists must check in 30 minutes before audition times at

check-in station in the hall upon arrival.

2. Students may warm up with accompanists in designated rooms until directed to the audition rooms.

3. Parents will wait in a designated area.

4. Only original music will be allowed. Music must be clipped or marked.

5. Please see “Repertoire Requirements” in Activities Handbook, page 29 regarding repertoire.

6. Each student must play one theory examination. (Note: If a student is playing the piano for a chamber music group, and he/she has entered an AMTA piano district audition, then no theory is required for that student at the chamber music audition. Teacher should indicate this on the application beside the student’s name.)

7. All students must receive a grade of Outstanding in their theory audition to be chosen as a Winner in the AMTA Chamber Music, Concerto or Solo Audition.

8. All Winners in the string divisions will be scheduled to perform at the 2010 State Conference at the University of Montevallo.

9. Please indicate with an asterisk as directed your selection for the conference if chosen as a Winner.

10. The address of **Dawson Memorial Baptist Church** is

1114 Oxmoor Road

Birmingham, AL 35209-5399.

From I-65, take Exit 256B (south of Birmingham) to merge onto Oxmoor Rd towards Homewood. After crossing Greensprings Ave., stay right to continue on Oxmoor Rd. Follow signs for Dawson Baptist Church. It will be on your left. The North Building is behind the main sanctuary, connected by a crosswalk, and the auditions and check-in will be on the third floor.

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