

TO: San Bernardino County Music Educators
FROM: Dr. Andrew Crane, SOLOFEST Chairman
DATE: January 6, 2009
SUBJECT: SBCMEA 2009 SOLO FESTIVAL

2009 SOLOFEST Dates

Instrumental AND Vocal Preliminaries, April 4
Instrumental and Vocal Finals, April 11

Location: Performing Arts Building, California State University, San Bernardino

Application Deadline Date, March 20, 2009

Attached is a letter and application for the 2009 SBCMEA SOLOFEST. **Please duplicate the application and give it to your interested students.** Because we are getting more and more participants each year, the application deadline must be strictly observed. Please ask your students to **LEGIBLY PRINT ALL** of the information requested on the application. Last year a few people complained that their name was misspelled but this was due to trying to interpret the handwriting on some application forms. A **\$10.00 registration fee** must accompany each application. **PLEASE MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO SBCMEA.**

DO NOT SEND CASH!!!

This year the University is strictly enforcing the parking policy. **Visitors must purchase a parking pass as they enter the campus and display it in their windshield while parked for the SoloFest.**

Please remember:

- 1) **You must be a member of the San Bernardino County Music Educators' Association** for your students to enter the county SOLOFEST.
- 2) **Each student participant must be a resident of San Bernardino County.**

Please also remind each of your students who plan to perform in the SoloFest that they **must supply the adjudicator with an original copy of their solo and IT MAY NOT BE A PHOTOCOPY.** If a performer provides a photocopy the adjudicator will not accept it. The student may perform for comments if a proper copy of the solo is not available for the adjudicator but will not receive a rating and will not be considered for scholarships.

Student participation is in either the vocal or instrumental division at the:
Elementary category (grades 4-6)
Middle School category (grades 7&8)
High school category (grades 9-12)

All soloists will have a **maximum of ten minutes for their performance.**

The winner in a given category will not be eligible to compete two consecutive years in the same category (e.g., in the high school category a winner in grade eleven or twelve).

SCHOLARSHIPS

Idylwild Arts Music Camp

Four scholarships donated by Idylwild Arts, awarded to 1st place performers in the High School and Middle School instrumental and vocal divisions

Arrowbear and Wildwood Music Camps

Two scholarships to Arrowbear or Wildwood Music Camps, awarded to 1st place performers in the Elementary instrumental and vocal divisions

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Andrew Crane at acrane@csusb.edu

Dear Music Student:

You are invited, upon your teacher's recommendation, to participate in the San Bernardino County Music Educators' Annual SOLOFEST at California State University, San Bernardino. The purpose of the SOLOFEST is to provide an opportunity for vocal and instrumental soloists to perform in public, be judged with written comments and to receive a rating. All solo performances are open to the public.

In addition, the outstanding musician in every category of each division will be awarded the option of a cash scholarship for college, a paid "matching" scholarship for one week at a summer music camp, or a cash grant for private lessons.

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SOLOFEST Division Competition and Finals Dates:

Instrumental and Vocal Solo Divisions

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Perform for written comments with a rating and certificate

Finals

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Two or three outstanding performers from each category of the vocal and instrumental divisions will be invited to perform as finalists. They will perform before an instrumental and vocal judge, and will compete for the scholarships or cash grants for music study.

Performance Categories:

Elementary Instrumental and Vocal(grades 4-6)

Middle School Instrumental and Vocal(grades 7&8)

High School Instrumental and Vocal(grades 9-12)

The Board of directors of the San Bernardino County Music Educators' Association has ruled that piano as the solo instrument will not be included for adjudication in the SOLOFEST.

Adjudication:

There will be an adjudicator for each level of the vocal and instrumental divisions. The following criteria will be used (**Total Possible Points - 100**):

Intonation-10	Tone Quality-10
Technique-10	Phrasing-10
Expression/Dynamics-10	Rhythm-10
Selection of Music-10	Articulation-10
Overall Musicianship-10	Appropriateness of Difficulty-10

The criteria for percussion (**Total Possible Points-100**) are:

Technique-15	Articulation-15
Expression/Dynamics-10	Phrasing-10
Selection of Music-10	Rhythm-15
Overall Musicianship-15	Appropriateness of Difficulty-10

Ratings:

In addition to the scholarships, every student will receive a certificate with the overall rating. The rating system is:

I- Superior (100-90 pts)	II-Excellent (89-80 pts)	III-Good (79-70 pts)	IV-Fair (69-60 pts)	IV-Poor (59-50 pts or under)
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Accompaniment:

Although a recorded accompaniment is permissible, a live accompaniment is preferred and will enhance the performance. Students using a recorded accompaniment must bring their own CD/tape player. You need to **provide an original copy of your solo for the adjudicator. IT MAY NOT BE A PHOTOCOPY.**

Performance Timing:

Participants should prepare their musical selection(s) so that the performance is **5 to 10 minutes long**. This is not a hard and fast rule, but a guideline that you need to follow so that the judges will hear enough music to give a valid adjudication and stay on schedule.

Residency Requirements:

- 1) Student participants must have residency in San Bernardino County.
- 2) Teachers sponsoring student participants must be **paid members** of SBCMEA.

Scholarships:

All scholarships will be awarded in each category and division each year. A minimum of 80 points is necessary to be considered for any award.

Application and Fee:

To enter you must fully **complete and return the application no later than March 20, 2009**. The \$10.00 fee (check made out to **SBCMEA, *do not send cash***) must be included with your application. **Absolutely no applications will be accepted after March 20, 2009**. Please make sure that you carefully and legibly fill out all information including your home mailing address and home phone number.

Final information, including your performance time, **will be posted on the SBCMEA website (www.sbcmea.org)** the week prior to the SOLOFEST. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Andrew Crane at acrane@csusb.edu

Sincerely,

Dr. Andrew Crane, Chairman