



BAND PROGRAM

SOLO & ENSEMBLE REMINDERS

Name: _____

YOUR PERFORMANCES

Solo Day: Friday / Saturday Solo Time: _____ Judge: _____ Room: _____

Ensemble Day: Friday / Saturday Ensemble Time: _____ Judge: _____ Room: _____

Ensemble Day: Friday / Saturday Ensemble Time: _____ Judge: _____ Room: _____

DIRECTIONS

University High School (2450 Cougar Way, Orlando FL 32817)

- Head west on Eastwood Drive.
- Turn left onto Rouse Road.
- Turn left to merge onto FL-408 West.
- Take the exit for FL-417 South.
- Take exit 22 for Narcoossee Road and turn left.
- The school will be on your right.

Lake Nona High School (12500 Narcoossee Road, Orlando FL 32832)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- 1) You must have your original to perform for the judge and to receive a rating. For solos, the judge needs to have either an original solo part or piano part. For ensembles, the judge must have an original score.
- 2) Both the music you are reading and the part the judge is looking at must have numbered measures! (Number straight through repeats and multiple endings. For multiple movements, check the music for rehearsal numbers to see if it's already number starting at the beginning of each movement or straight through. Otherwise, start each movement with 1. Do not number pick-up notes.)
- 3) Dress appropriately. This is a performance situation. You are a representative of your school; please look professional! Give the appearance that you know this is a special event.
- 4) Soloists should stand if possible.
- 5) Arrive at the host school a MINIMUM of 30 minutes before your first scheduled event. Many rooms run ahead of schedule and you need to leave plenty of time to warm-up correctly and find your room.
- 6) Before, during and after your performance, be polite to the judge! Smile and be friendly when giving him the score and getting it back. It is not his fault if you are unprepared or have a bad performance. Don't take out anger, frustration or nervousness on him! Act in a manner that will earn you respect at all times.

7) Ratings will be posted eventually after you perform. You are welcome to wait for them, but you are also welcome to leave. Be prepared to wait 30 – 45 minutes for results.

8) Make sure you have communicated with your accompanist or ensemble and know when and where you are to meet. Plan on traffic when you are setting up times.

9) Make sure you have rehearsed enough with your accompanist to make both of you comfortable. Thank your accompanist when your performance is complete. If you are using a school accompanist, make sure you PAY your accompanist before leaving the site!

10) One of the fastest ways to harm the reputation of your band is to not show up for an event you have committed to. Judges are hired based on the numbers of students who sign up for this event in advance. DNA's (Did Not Arrive) are sent to every school in the state along with all other ratings. Follow through with your commitment!

11) If you have problems, consult your band director. The FBA office is for directors and judges only.

PROCEDURE FOR THE DAY

- Show up early!
- Find your room.
- Warm up thoroughly and tune carefully with your group. Use the warm up room (cafeteria) ONLY – do not hallways (it's rude to the other performers.)
- Leave your cases in the cafeteria and arrive at your room early.
- Be prepared to wait patiently (sometimes up to 30 minutes) if the room is running behind. Walk in and set your original on the judge's desk. Greet him politely when he is done writing for the previous event.
- Set up the room / chairs / stands as you have practiced.
- Play a few notes. Soloists, tune to the piano. Ensembles, double-check tuning.
- Wait for the judge to tell you he is ready.
- Perform to the best of your ability!
- Sit and wait for the judge to comment. Be polite! Listen carefully and do what is asked. The judge is not looking for excuses and you will not learn if you are making them.
- Get your original music back from the judge, thank him for listening to you, and quietly leave the room.
- Wait for results (in a calm manner) or head home and find out on Monday.
- Congratulations!