

January, 2010

Dear Parent:

The Maine Music Teachers Association (MMTA) will hold its annual non-competitive Student Evaluations Program on several Saturdays in various Maine locations during March and April.

The MMTA Student Evaluation Program is an opportunity for students of MMTA members to perfect and perform between one and three pieces of contrasting music for a qualified master teacher called an adjudicator. Each student's performance is private, non-competitive, and not graded. The adjudicator's job is to reinforce each performance constructively by accentuating the positive and pointing out areas that need attention. Students are judged on their own merit at their own level. Each student will receive a participation certificate and the adjudicator's comments either in written form or on cassette tape or CD.

This year the music of Robert Schumann will be highlighted. In addition, a quiz will be given covering the facts of Schumann's life. To prepare for the quiz a study sheet can be obtained from your child's teacher. If the student takes the quiz, he/she will be given a seal to place on the participation certificate. This aspect of the evaluation is optional for the student.

KITS Theory Exams will not be offered during student evaluations. Please see your private teacher to arrange a convenient testing time.

It is hoped that this annual Student Evaluations Program will encourage students to pursue higher degrees of excellence in their musical study. The Program focuses on school-age students and all levels of musical advancement are accepted. Adult students are also welcome to participate.

Evaluations are offered for a non-refundable fee of \$20.00 for a 20-minute slot and \$30.00 for a 30-minute slot. Chamber works or four-handed piano pieces are also encouraged. A 30-minute time slot is necessary. Please make checks payable to MMTA and send them to your student's teacher before the designated site deadline (February 14). Check with your student's teacher whether to bring a blank CD or cassette tape to the evaluation site. (If permitted, your student can use the previous year's evaluation tape—just have it set for the new evaluation before arriving.)

If you have any questions or comments on the Student Evaluations Program, please feel free to call or email me at [evaluations@mainemusicteachers.org](mailto:evaluations@mainemusicteachers.org) or contact your child's teacher. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

*Beverly Pacheco*

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Teachers, please fill in the following information for your student.

Event Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Deadline: February 14, 2010

CD or Tape: \_\_\_\_\_