

42nd ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONTEST

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Dear Instructors,

We are very excited to announce the details of The American Guild of Music's 42nd Great Lakes Contest! This year's contest is being held **April 26-28, 2019** at the ***D M H* Romulus, Michigan**. Please read the 2019 Rules and Regulations as there have been a few changes. All areas of change appear in bold, italicized print. **WE WILL USE THE 2019 Online SYLLABUS FOR BOTH 2019 GLR AND NATIONAL CONTESTS. You can obtain copies of all AGM Contest forms on line at www.americanguild.org/blr.html.**

This year's Great Lakes Regional Contest is back at the Westin Detroit Metro Hotel in Romulus, Michigan. The room rate this year is \$159.00 single and double rooms per night. Hopefully you will be able to take advantage of this discount and have your students stay at the Westin. When you stay at the Westin your student is more relaxed. They do not have to deal with the stress of arriving on time, dealing with traffic, getting up early and a long car ride prior to playing their solo. Students are able to use the practice rooms, access the pool and attend the fun night time activities. You can also access the many restaurants and shops within the airport. You'll want to make your hotel reservations early so as not to miss out on this opportunity. Please encourage all your students to stay at the hotel as we need to sell rooms to keep the contest expenses steady. Remember that the fewer rooms we sell the more that the facility rental fees are charged to us and that has to be passed on to the students. If we can reverse the drop in hotel room sales then we can negotiate a multi year contract that will ensure its continuation. Call 888-627-8359 for your reservations and tell them that you are with American Guild of Music. Families who stay at the hotel will get their \$20 facilities fee credited to them.

In an effort to streamline our fee structure and further add value, we are keeping the streamlined enrollment fees and the following fees will apply: The facility fee will remain a separate fee as it applies to only one family member. An enrollment fee will apply to all students and will include a program, badge and t-shirt. The enrollment fee will vary depending on whether your entry is entered on line or mailed in. **Thus, when entering your students, you must specify the t-shirt size for each student.**

Remember to include email addresses for each student or their parent. Please note that the teachers email address must not be listed as the students email address. Our new system will allow us to email schedules and contest changes directly to students. This is particularly important to have during the contest, as we will be able to send live updates regarding room changes and event schedules as they are happening in real time.

***ALL GROUPS ENTERED ON LINE MUST EMAIL US A COPY OF THE GROUP ENROLLMENT FORM. * PLEASE EMAIL YOUR GROUP LIST TO gselvaggi@americanguild.org**

Contest Enrollment Form – Manual Mailed Entries Only

Please take the time to fill out this form correctly! Please print legibly and use **BLACK INK. DO NOT USE PENCIL.** Forms received in blue ink or pencil do not fax well and risk the chance of having students names spelled wrong because pencil or blue ink is illegible. Remember that the following are considered separate instruments and should be entered as separate instruments:

Be sure to fill out the accounting form completely for each student including their date of birth, regardless of what divisions in which they are entered.

Group and Duet Enrollment Forms

The Group Enrollment Form is used for all groups, bands, ensembles, pop combos and battle of the bands. This form ties in with the group section on your accounting forms. The entry form includes a box to mark as well as a space to write the group number. You provide the group number. The same is true for duets – mark the box and provide us with a duet number. These numbers that you provide us for groups and duets help us assign the correct players to each group and duet. **REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE ENTERING GROUPS – YOU MUST MAIL IN THE GROUP FORM.**

Contest Grants

We would like to see all students participate in the Great Lakes Regional Contest. We have increased the number of grants that are available for students of member teachers. The Student must submit an essay titled “Why I want to attend the Great Lakes Regional Contest” and the teacher must send a letter describing why the student deserves a grant. Take advantage of the grants by sending in your essay before February 20, 2019 to agm@americanguild.org.

Scheduling Change Policy.

Please note that it is the teachers’ responsibility to check all entries for accuracy. Once a schedule has been released a teacher has the opportunity to submit changes up to 72 hours before the start of the contest. No changes will take place