

AGM NATIONAL CONTEST INFORMATION

All students must submit a \$6.00 program fee and a \$10.00 student membership fee. All participating students are encouraged to stay at the hotel. A \$15.00 facilities fee will be assessed per family. This fee will be refunded to your hotel bill if you stay 2 nights or more at the contest hotel. There is a \$22.00 per student online registration fee and \$25.00 per student registration fee for all faxed, mailed and emailed entries. All entry forms must be printed legibly in black ink. Do not fold or staple. Completed Entry forms and payments should be mailed to AGM National Contest, 2877 ALPINE TERRACE, CINCINNATI, OH 45208 Make checks/money orders payable to the American Guild of Music. Checks for the contest and banquet must be payable in U.S. Funds. Incomplete entry forms or entry forms without payment will be held until information or payment arrives. Sorry, no refunds will be given, unless entries are rejected by the Contest Director. All mailed entries must be received by June 1, 2016. On line registration begins June 10, 2016 ends June 25, 2016. Late entries will not be accepted without a late payment fee of \$20.00 PER STUDENT and the permission of the contest director. A limited amount of scholarship funds are available as grants. See Scholarship Information elsewhere in NEWS. Accommodations for those with disabilities will be made for those who submit a request in writing. Official Year 2016 Entry forms, Rules and Regulations, and a AGM Syllabus may be obtained on line at www.americanguild.org or email membership@americanguild.org For further information call the AGM Hotline at 248.686.1975, or go to www.americanguild.org



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AGM BANQUET AND AWARD INFORMATION

Awards Ceremonies at the Nationals are broken down into two separate functions. NAIC Qualifications, Test list, Age Achievement and Duet awards are given out on Saturday at a free ceremony where the Convention Choir performs. All of the remaining awards are given at the Grande Awards Banquet on Sunday evening. Performing at the Grand Awards Banquet are the Convention Orchestra and the North American Invitational Championship winners. All students who attend the nationals are expected to attend the annual awards banquet. Tickets must be ordered in advance. We have negotiated a reduced banquet ticket rate for 2016. Please order early, as we will sell out quickly. All ticket orders must be accompanied by the official banquet ticket order form obtainable at www.americanguild.org

If advance tickets are purchased before July 2, 2016 reduced ticket prices are: \$18.00 Children (13 and under) and \$32.00 for children 14 and older and adults. A limited amount of tickets may be available after the cut off date at a fee of \$25.00 Children and \$40.00 Adult and will not be sold after 4PM at the contest registration desk on July 28, 2016

Please remember that a representative from each studio must be present to obtain any awards that are achieved by the studio. No awards will be shipped. Any questions regarding the banquet call Julie Frei Kopasz at 1-586-718-3574 or email her at: julie.freikopasz@americanguild.org

2016 National Contest Fee Schedule:

SOLOS: \$17.00 for 1st solo \$15.00 each for 2nd or 3rd solos) \$9.00 each (for four or more additional solos.

**N.A.I.C. Qualifications \$30.00 NAIC Finals \$40.00
AGE Finals \$ 30.00 Sight Reading \$7.00 Concerto Qual \$35.00 Concerto Finals \$50.00**

Duets \$10.00 per person

Ensembles, Bands & Pop Combos \$6.00 per person

Showband/Showchoir \$12.00 per member

Battle of the Bands \$20.00 per member

Theory Test (levels 1-9) \$2.00 per level Theory Test (level 10) \$10.00

Cadet Teachers \$15.00 Convention Orchestra & Choir \$10.00

**\$25.00 for Evaluation Solo ONLY
Mandatory Student Membership - \$10.00 Mandatory Program Fee \$6.00**

Enrollment Fee \$22.00 Online - \$25.00 Mailed. Facilities Fee. \$15.00

KALAHARI RESORT IS THE HEADQUARTERS HOTEL - BOOK EARLY AS WE WILL SELL OUT ROOMS

We are excited to announce that the 2016 National Contest is being held at the Kalahari Resort and Water Park in Sandusky, Ohio. Sandusky is located just two hours from Detroit, 5 hours from Chicago, 3.45 hours from Cincinnati, and 5.5 hours from Toronto. This centrally located city is the home of Cedar Point Amusement Park which is the roller coaster capital of the world. The Kalahari resort is host to an indoor and outdoor waterpark which is free (four passes) to all families attending. Additional passes are available for \$25.00. At 173,000 square feet, the indoor water park at Kalahari's Ohio resort is the largest in the United States.

This year the contest will have a variable scheduling to allow time to use the water park. The contest will begin on Thursday afternoon. The check in date for the convention is WEDNESDAY JULY 27, 2016 and the official check out day is MONDAY, August 1, 2016. The Contest will begin on Thursday morning July 28, 2016 and end with the Banquet on SUNDAY, JULY 31ST. Room rates are \$129.00 for a run of the house room. Suites are available from \$189.00 to \$269.00. You can make reservations at the Kalahari Resort by calling 1-877-525-2427 In order to qualify for the special AGM discounted rate, you must tell the reservation desk that you are with the AGM or American Guild of Music.

To ensure room availability, please make your reservations before:

July 5, 2016

Make plans today to make the 115th National Contest a part of your summer activities. We hope to see you in Cincinnati for the AGM National Contest on July 28 - 31, 2016 Contact Richard Chizmadia for more information: 248-686-1975 richard.chizmadia@americanguild.org.

NATIONAL CONTEST ACTIVITIES

All Around Awards

These awards are exclusive to the National Contest and everyone who participates is automatically entered if the instrument on which they are playing has a minimum of 20 students or is 10% of the contest. Points are kept for placing 1st thru 6th in all divisions and points are awarded for participation in activities such as the Essay Contest, Theory Test and Sight Reading. Huge trophies are given out at the end of the Awards banquet.

Convention Choir & Orchestra

These activities are open to all students who attend the contest. The choir is geared for students of all ages without a portable instrument, and vocal students. The Choir will perform at the Friday night awards. Orchestra is geared towards the more advanced student on any instrument, and performs at the awards banquet on Saturday. Both the choir & orchestra meet for nightly rehearsals. A \$10.00 registration fee is required for each. (All-Around Points given)

Cadet Teachers Course

This three year course is for students 14 or older and introduces students to some basic principles of private music instruction. Students discuss handling situations that may arise in everyday teaching. No specific instrument is addressed. A \$15.00 registration fee is required. Please indicate which year 1st, 2nd or 3rd. (All-Around Points given. Students under 14 can obtain points by composing an essay entitled "What the AGM National Contest Means to me")



North American Invitational Championship (NAIC)

This is our most prestigious division and takes place on the final day of the contest. Instruments eligible are Accordion, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drum Set, Snare Drum, Keyboard, Sequenced Keyboard, Piano, Vocal Broadway and Vocal Classical.

To qualify for this division you must place 1st or 2nd in a qualifying round which takes place at AGM Regionals. A final NAIC qualifying round is held on the first day of the National Contest. Since this is an Invitational Contest we invite other music competition to send their winner of their top division to our contest. To qualify from another contest other than an AGM contest the contest must have a letter from the organization on official letterhead, which must be submitted to the Contest Director for approval. (No All-Around Points given) (Cash Award Given)

Age Finals

To qualify you must place 1st through 5th in any Age Achievement division throughout the previous contest year which runs August through July. Trophies given for championship only. (No All-Around Points given) (Cash Award Given)

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