



AMERICAN GUILD of MUSIC
**116th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONTEST &
40th ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONTEST**
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Dear Instructors,

We are please to announce that the Great Lakes Regional Contest and National Contest are being held July 12-16, 2017 at the Edward Village Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. The contest will follow National rules and pricing. Because there will be no qualifying regional round for the Age Finals or NIAC Finals, we will allow more qualifiers to go forward representing the regionals and the nationals. Please read the 2017 Rules and Regulations as there have been a few changes. All areas of change appear in bold, italicized print. **WE WILL USE THE 2016 SYLLABUS FOR THE COMBINED GLR AND NATIONAL CONTEST. You can obtain copies of all AGM Contest forms on line at www.americanguild.org/glr.html.**

Rates for the Edward Village Hotel are \$99.00 per night. 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 low as possible. Call 313-592-3622 for you reservations and tell them that you are with American Guild of Music. Families who stay at the hotel with get their \$20 facilities fee credited to their bill. Michigan Teachers please encourage your students to stay at the hotel as a way to redeem the \$20.00. When more families spend a couple nights in the hotel it helps keep rates down for all future contests.

We are keeping the streamlined fee structure this year and the facility fee will remain a separate fee as it applies to one family, no matter how many children enter the contest. The enrollment fee will apply to all students and will include a program, student membership fee, badge and t-shirt. The enrollment fee will vary depending on whether your entry is entered on line or mailed in. Remember **when entering your students you must specify the t-shirt size for each student.**

Remember that email addresses must be provided for each student or their parent and it can not be the same as the teachers. Our new system will allow us to email schedules and contest changes directly to students.

We ask that you pay particularly close attention to our time deadlines throughout this year's contest entry process. Please make note that we will only field phone calls from teachers or studio personnel. ***Please inform all parents and students that under no circumstances will we field any phone calls from parents or students regarding changes to the schedule!*** We do not have the personnel to handle phone calls from parents/students. One more reminder: when calling about corrections or changes, ***please call the provided number only. It is important for teachers to follow all deadlines and double check all confirmations and schedules. Late information slows down the process for everyone and may not be included in the program.***

Items To Remember:

All Students attending must attend the Sunday Banquet unless they are in Test List, and Duets only. There is a separate banquet form and information form that is available on the website. This must be mailed in only. There is no online registration for the banquet.

New this year -All students will be required to show a birth certificate or valid ID with proof of birthdate upon check in at the contest.

***We will use 2016 Syllabus for the Test List that is available on line. At http://www.americanguild.org/images/2016-2020_AGM_Syllabus_POSTED.pdf**

***All mailed entries must be received by May 15, 2017.** (Late entries will not be accepted without a late payment fee of \$20.00 PER STUDENT and the permission of the Contest Director) On line registration begins May 1, 2017 and ends May 25, 2017.

***Please remember to list the name of the Test List song for each student included on the mail in enrollment form.**

*** Entries entered on line must be paid for by PayPal. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PAID BY May 25 NO EXCEPTIONS. LATE FEES WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ENROLLMENT AFTER THAT DATE.**

Facilities Usage Fee & Enrollment Fee

There is a charge of \$20.00 per each family attending to cover the hotel rental. That fee will be credited to the hotel bill of the students who stay at the hotel. All students must pay the \$40 mail in or \$37 on line enrollment fee which includes: student membership, a program, badge and T-shirt of the size indicated.

On-Line Registration Entry

Online Registration is available for AGM Teacher Members only. If you are an AGM member teacher you should have received via email a login code and password for past contests. The same password is valid. If you have not, please email a request to agm@americanguild.org. Members can reset their passwords when logging in. Online Registration is fast and efficient since information for all students who have entered the contests in the past will be all ready in the database and there will be no need to retype this information. Confirmations will be immediately emailed upon submission. All payment will be done through pay pal.

Contest Enrollment Form for mail in entries

Please take the time to fill out this form correctly! Please print legibly and use **BLACK INK. DO NOT USE PENCIL** Remember that the following are considered separate instruments and should be entered as separate instruments: *Keyboard and Sequenced Keyboard ;Drum Set and Snare Drum; Guitar, Classic Guitar, Finger Style Guitar, Hard Rock Guitar and Bass Guitar*. 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. All students are required to show a birth certificate or valid ID with proof of birthdate upon check in at the contest. All teachers registering their students manually must charge their students the \$40.00 enrollment fee.

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. You must assign each group a number and a name fro your group and provide all the students names, length of study, age and instrument played. The same is true for duets – mark the box and provide us with a duet number and partners and their instruments.

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 one week to submit changes. All changes must be accompanied by a \$5 change fee. If a change is made after the week grace period the change fee is \$25.

2017 Regional & National Fee Schedule

SOLOS: \$20.00 for the first solo
\$15 each (for 2nd and 3rd solos)
\$9.00 each (for four or more additional solos)
\$25.00 for Evaluation Solo ONLY
N.A.I.C. Qualifications \$30.00 Concerto \$35.00

GROUPS: Duets \$10.00 per person Duos \$20.00 per person
Ensembles, Bands & Pop Combos \$10.00 per person
Showband/Showchoir \$12.00 per member
Battle of the Bands \$20.00 per member

THEORY Theory Test (levels 1-9) \$3.00 per level
Theory Test (level 10) \$15.00 (prepay all levels)

National Activities

Age Finals \$30.00
NAIC Finals \$40
Concerto Finals - \$50
Sight Reading \$10
Cadet Teachers \$20
Convention Chorus \$12
Convention Orchestra \$12
Banquet Ticket Fees –

Before June 15 - Children 12 & Under \$18 Adult \$35
After June 15 – Children 12 7 Under \$25.00 Adult \$42

MANDATORY ADMINISTRATION FEES : Facilities Usage Fee-\$20.00 per Family
Enrollment Fee - \$40.00 per student mail-in registration.
\$37.00 per student for online registration. (Includes student membership, program, badge and program)

Remember Online Registration begins May 1 and ends May 25. Rick Chizmadia will be fielding all general contest questions. You can reach Rick at 248-686-1975 or at agm@americanguild.org. Gina Selvaggi will field all inquiries about the scheduling of the contest. Email her at gina.selvaggi@americanguild.org or call her at 1-416-936-7681.

Thank you for your interest in AGM and we will see you at the contest **July 12-16.**

