



AMERICAN GUILD *of* MUSIC
41st 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 41st Great Lakes Contest! This year's contest is being held **May 4-6, 2018** at the ***Edward Village Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan***. Please read the 2018 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 BOTH 2018 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 will be held once again at the Edward Village Hotel & Conference Centre in Dearborn Michigan. The room rate this year is \$119.00 Single and double rooms per night. Hopefully you will be able to take advantage of this discount and have your students stay at the Edward Village. 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. In fact, this year it more important than ever to encourage students to stay at least one night at the hotel to boost these numbers up so that we can manage the rise in facility rental fees charged to us and ensure that the Great Lakes Regional continues in its current form. If we can reverse the drop in hotel room sales than we can negotiate a multi year contract that will ensure its continuation. Call 313-982-6763 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 their bill.

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.

We ask that you pay 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 will ignore these calls because*** we simply 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.***

Items To Remember:

***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 Entries that are mailed must be received by February 20, 2018** (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 February 1, 2018 and ends February 28, 2018.

***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 FEBRUARY 28. Unpaid entries will not be scheduled and will be subject to late fees.**

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 Westin. This charge helps defray the hotel rental fee and helps evenly spread the costs evenly across the entire contest enrollment. All students must pay the enrollment fee and will receive a program, badge and Tshirt of the size indicated.

On-Line Registration Entry

Online Registration is available for AGM Members only. If you are an AGM Member 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 past contests will be all ready in the data base 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. Online Registration begins February 1, 2018 and ends February 28, 2018.

***ALL GROUPS ENTERED ON LINE MUST EMAIL US A COPY OF THE GROUP ENROLLMENT FORM. * PLEASE EMAIL YOUR GROUP LIST TO gina.selvaggi@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: *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.

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.

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 January 30, 2018 to PO Box 599, Warren, MI 48090 or email 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 72 hours before the contest or at the contest. All changes must be accompanied by a \$10 change fee.

2018 Great Lakes Regional Contest Fee Schedule

SOLOS:	\$20.00 for the first solo
	\$17 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 \$35.00 Concerto \$35.00
GROUPS:	Duets \$12.00 per person Duos \$20.00 per person
	Ensembles, Bands & Pop Combos \$7.00 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)

MANDATORY ADMINISTRATION FEES : Facilities Usage Fee-\$20.00 per Family
Enrollment Fee - \$35.00 per student mail-in registration.
\$32.00 per student for online registration

Tentative Contest Schedule

Every year we get requests to be scheduled on a specific day. We try to honor as many requests as we can but can not honor all. To help facilitate your request here is a *tentative* schedule of what happens on what days:

Friday – Test List for Piano & Vocal (Evaluations for students performing in Test List only)
Saturday – Test List Solos for Guitar & Keyboard. For Vocal, Piano, Guitar & Keyboard Length of Study (LOS) NAIC Qualifications, Duets & Duos, Concerto Qualifications and Evaluations
Sunday Pop & Age Solos and Evaluations.
Strings, Band Instruments, & Percussion will be held either on Saturday or Sunday and we will not know until March.
Remember this is tentative and could change, but this is how we try to schedule the events year after year.

If you can not attend on certain days this will give you an idea of what happens on what days. 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 **41st Great Lakes Regional Contest - May 4-6, 2018**