



AMERICAN GUILD *of* MUSIC  
**46th ANNUAL GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CONTEST**  
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Dear Instructors,

We are very excited to announce the 46th annual Great Lakes Contest is being held **April 28-30, 2023** at the *Westin Detroit Metro Hotel Romulus, Michigan*.

Please read the 2023 Rules and Regulations as there have been a few changes. All areas of change appear in bold, italicized print. **WE WILL USE THE 2022 Online SYLLABUS FOR BOTH GLR AND NATIONAL CONTESTS. You can obtain copies of all AGM Contest forms online at [www.americanguild.org/blr.html](http://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 \$165.00 single and double rooms per night a great bargain from the normal rate of \$250. 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 can use the practice rooms, access the pool and attend the fun nighttime activities. Access to the many restaurants and shops within the airport will not be available this year. 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 they have to be passed on to the students. If we can reverse the drop in hotel room sales than we can negotiate a multiyear 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 with get their facilities fee refunded to them.

All students must pay a facility fee that applies to each family. An enrollment fee will apply to all students and will include a e-program, badge and t-shirt. The enrollment fee will vary depending on whether your entry is entered online or mailed in. **Thus, when entering your students, you must specify the t-shirt size for each student.** Keep a copy of your t-shirt sizes and send your recorded t-shirt list to [agm@americanguild.org](mailto:agm@americanguild.org)

**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. 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 2022 – 2025 Syllabus for the Test List that is available online.**

**\*All Entries that are mailed must be received by March 14, 2023 and mailed to 19818 Martin Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081. All Entries submitted online must be received by March 20, 2023** (late entries will not be accepted without a late payment fee of \$20.00 PER STUDENT and the permission of the Contest Director)

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

\* Entries entered online must be paid for by Paypal. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PAID BY March 22, 2023.** *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 of \$25.00 per student mail-in registration or \$30.00 per student for online registration and will receive a program, badge and t-shirt of the size indicated when they are registered to enter. **Please remember to indicate your student's t-shirt size and keep a record of it.** The t-shirt size portion of the registration process does not always work. Please send your recorded t-shirt list to [agm@americanguild.org](mailto:agm@americanguild.org).

### 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](mailto: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 already 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. **Online Registration begins February 27, 2023 and ends March 20, 2023**

### 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. **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 a limited 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 March 10, 2023 to [agm@americanguild.org](mailto: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 will have the opportunity to submit changes up to 72 hours after the schedules go out. Absolutely NO changes will take place 72 hours before the contest or at the contest. All changes must be accompanied by a \$20 change fee.*

### 2023 Great Lakes Regional Contest Fee Schedule

SOLOS:	\$30.00 for the first solo
	\$20.00 each (for 2nd and 3rd solos)
	\$15.00 each (for four or more additional solos)
	\$40.00 for Evaluation Solo ONLY
	N.A.I.C. Qualifications \$35.00
	Concertos \$35.00
GROUPS:	Duets \$15.00 per person Duos \$25.00 per person
	Ensembles, Bands & Pop Combos \$10.00 per person
	Showband/Showchoir \$12.00 per member
	Battle of the Bands \$12.00 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 - \$30.00 per student mail-in registration. (registration includes tshirt and badge)
	\$25.00 per student for online registration

### Contest Schedule

Every year we get requests to be scheduled on a specific day. Because this is our second back in person contest and we are uncertain of the schedule. Please be prepared for most events to be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday, with overflow events scheduled on Friday if needed.

Rick Chizmadia will be fielding all general contest questions. You can reach Rick at 248-686-1975 or at [rchizmadia@americanguild.org](mailto:rchizmadia@americanguild.org). Gina Selvaggi will field all inquiries about the scheduling of the contest. Email her at [gselvaggi@americanguild.org](mailto:gselvaggi@americanguild.org) or call her at 1-416-936-7681

Thank you for your interest in AGM and we look forward to seeing everyone at the **46th Great Lakes Regional Contest – April 28-30, 2023**