

**PMTA Sonata and Scholarship Contests
Information Letter for Parents and Students
March 2018**



Dear Parents and Students,

We are so excited about your participation in the Sonata Contest on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the University of West Florida, Building 82, Center for Performing Arts. Enclosed are some important details for the event.

Enclosed is your performance time and room number for your Sonata Division Performance. **You need to be outside your performance room about 10 - 15 minutes before your assigned performance time. Bring your original music with your measures numbered for the judge.** If you are late and miss your division time, or if you do not bring your music, you will only be eligible to play for comments from your judge. You will not be considered for any awards.

Performances are not open to an audience, so you should not come expecting to hear your students play in the judging rooms with the exception of the Scholarship Competitions in the Recital Hall. Students are usually given a 10 second warm-up in the performance room to play a scale or arpeggio in order to try out the piano.

After your student has performed, you will await your division's contest results. Approximately 30 to 60 minutes after the last student in your division has played, awards for your division will be presented in the Main Stage Theater. All students will receive certificates of participation. Honorable Mention, First, Second, and Third Place Awards will also be given out at this time. **As was introduced in 2016, the first place winner will remain on the platform and perform their winning piece!** This performance will replace the "Winner's Recital" that customarily has been held on the Saturday following the event.

There is no certain attire for this occasion. However, you should make sure that the judge does know that this is important to you by the way you dress. I recommend that you wear something that looks sharp, that is comfortable, and that **you, as a student, feel** makes you look good!

Please know that the real benefit of this competition will be accomplished before you ever play at the contest! The real value is working diligently to truly perfect and polish a difficult piece of music to the best of your ability. If you have demonstrated the **character** to do this, then **you are** already a **winner** in my eyes as your teacher. Thank you for working so hard for this competition.

Sincerely,



**Pensacola Music Teacher's Association
Sonata, High School Music, and Graduating
Senior Scholarship Contests**

DATE: Saturday, March 10, 2018

PLACE: University of West Florida
Building 82 - Center for Performing Arts

NAME: _____

DIVISION: _____

PERFORMANCE ROOM: _____

PERFORMANCE TIME: _____

Entire Division Time: _____

DON'T BE LATE! BRING YOUR MUSIC.

Certificates and awards will be presented in the Main Stage Theater Performance Hall as soon as possible after each division is completed. First Place Winners will remain on stage and immediately perform their winning piece.