



Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival

Begun in 1980 by Dorothy Sutton, the Dorothy Sutton Performance Festival provides an opportunity for talented music students to participate in a Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association (PMTA) State Festival Showcase Recital. To assure high standards for the Showcase Recitals, students must audition and qualify in a local preliminary audition and must demonstrate a knowledge of music theory by passing a written theory exam with a minimum grade of 85%.

- Repertoire Requirements:
 - Two (2) memorized pieces of a contrasting nature by different composers, preferably from two (2) different eras in the more advanced levels. All selections must be a minimum of sixteen (16) measures without repeats, including elementary level students. Simplifications, or arrangements are NOT acceptable at the intermediate and advanced levels unless the original composer is the arranger (ie. Liszt transcriptions, Brahms Waltzes). Unacceptable repertoire includes: arrangements of movie, Broadway, or pop songs, hymns, organ literature, etc.; simplified or partial versions of classical repertoire - anything not originally composed for piano solo.
- Local Fee: \$17.00 per student (non-refundable)
- Performance Requirements:
 - Music scores are not required for the judges in 2020.
 - Vocalists: Check with your teacher about accompaniment requirements for 2020.
 - Performances may not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and may be adjusted by the local chairperson.
- Theory Tests in 2020:
 - Theory tests will be given by your teacher.
 - Re-takes are not permitted.
 - Students are not permitted to see or take the test before the designated test date.
- 2020 State Showcase Recital requirements: Students must
 - Reside in the State of Pennsylvania (this rule does not apply to the local level).
 - Receive an overall rating of Superior
 - Receive at least an 85% on the theory test (for levels P-5). For theory test levels 6 and above, the minimum 85% score is not required.
- Students eligible to participate in the State Showcase Recital:
 - A non-refundable fee will apply. The fee in 2019 was \$13.00. The 2020 fee is TBA.
 - Your teacher will give you more information, if applicable.