



## LEHIGH VALLEY MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Objective:	To provide an opportunity for all music students to gain positive performance experience
Participants:	Piano, organ, instrumental, and voice students of Lehigh Valley MTA members
Place:	Moravian University, Center for Music and Art, Priscilla Payne Hurd Campus, Bethlehem, PA

Thank you for participating in the Achievement Awards Auditions.

Be sure to bring the music for each piece you will perform. Arrange your music in the order in which you will perform it. Mark the place in books with paper clips or long slips of paper. Give the music to the monitor at the door of the room in which you will perform. You must play the pieces that your teacher entered on your application form. Downloads will be permitted if the music is in the public domain or if it has been purchased. A signed download form **MUST** be attached to each piece being performed for the audition or the student will not receive a rating.

This is a special occasion and the way you dress should reflect that mood. Wear something nice. Do not wear jeans. Wear shoes that will best help you in your performance.

Plan to arrive at your assigned room at least twenty (20) minutes before your scheduled time, since there may be cancellations. If you need help locating your room, use the front entrance of the building. One of our teachers will be there to assist you. There will be a monitor outside your room to check you in. One judge will hear you; all auditions are private.

Before you begin your pieces, take time to adjust the piano bench (if necessary) and make yourself comfortable. After you have finished performing, the judge will return your music. **DO NOT LEAVE WITHOUT IT.**

While everyone would like to receive a top rating, you should remember that the most important things are getting comments from the judges and having the experience of performing. A number of musical parameters determine ratings, and different judges rate performances differently. Judges' decisions are final.

All students receiving Superior Plus are eligible to perform in one of the Honors Recitals. Your teacher will notify you if you have been selected to play. Performing students should arrive promptly for the recital and are required to remain until its completion.

We permit no flash photography during the recital. However, we do allow stationary digital cameras. A plaque from the Lehigh Valley Music Teachers Association is awarded to instrumental students who receive five top ratings and vocal students who receive three top ratings (not necessarily in consecutive years).

Your teacher will handle all questions concerning the auditions. We hope you will enjoy the Achievement Awards Auditions. We know that you will do your best. Remember: Have fun--show the judge your personality through your music!

**DIRECTIONS from Rte. 22:** Take U.S. 22 to route 378 South to Bethlehem, Center City exit. Make an immediate left at the end of the ramp, and then turn left at the stop light onto Broad Street. Make a right onto Main Street; pass Hotel Bethlehem on the right and Central Moravian Church on your left.

Straight ahead, you will see a stone building with red trim, which is the Center for Music and Art. Turn right directly in front of the building, then immediately left into the parking lot. There is additional parking available under Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

**DIRECTIONS from the south:** Take route 309 to route 378; turn right onto 378 and follow that over the mountain and into town. Stay in the right lane over the Hill-to Hill Bridge, and turn right onto the Main St. exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp and follow that street to the next left into the parking lot. There is additional parking available under Hill-to-Hill Bridge.

GPS use: 342 Main St., Bethlehem, PA. 18018