

THIS FORM IS DUE W/ PAYMENT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th!

MSBOA MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE SIGN UP

Saturday December 1st, 2018

Name: _____

Instrument: _____

Solo: (\$10): If you choose to perform a solo you must perform with an adult piano accompanist. The band boosters will cover this \$25.00 cost if you show-up for the performance. **If you drop out for any reason, you will be responsible for paying the \$25 fee.**

Duet (\$10 per person): Duets must be between the same instrument or like-instrument groups of similar range, within the same family (brass/woodwinds/percussion). If you aren't sure of an instrument combo, please ask!

Type of Event (Solo or Duet): _____

If playing in a duet, please list the other player's name and instrument: _____

Time Preference (*Please circle one below*): Times are not guaranteed but preference will be submitted to the state. We will receive the schedule of performance times about 10 days before the event.

Early (8:00am-11:00am)

Middle (10:30am-2:30pm)

Late (2:00pm-5:00pm)

By signing below I understand the following:

- *I understand that I will be performing Saturday, December 1st, 2018 sometime between 8:00am - 5:00 pm, and I have checked this date in my calendar before signing up.*
- *I will arrange my own ride to Coopersville Middle School on the day of the event.*
- *I understand that solo and ensemble is an extracurricular band activity and it is my responsibility to find time outside of the school day to practice for this event.*
- *I understand that if I am not prepared to perform that I will not be able to attend S&E and will not be refunded for the cost of my event. Preparedness will be determined by either myself (student), my parents or a band director.*
- *I understand that if I sign up to play a solo and do not attend the event, I am responsible to pay the \$25 piano accompanist fee.*
- *I understand that if I play a duet it is my responsibility to find time to practice with my duet partner.*

Payment: Cash, check payable to SPARTA MUSIC BOOSTERS, or Sparta Music Boosters Family Account Withdrawal Form.

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SOLO & ENSEMBLE

What is Solo and Ensemble?

Solo and Ensemble Festival is a fantastic opportunity for students to demonstrate their musical skills for another music educator. Students can choose to play a solo, duet, trio or small group on their band instrument. After playing the student(s) will receive a score from the adjudicator; division I, II, III with a division I being the highest possible. If the student(s) receive a division I or II rating they will receive a medal. The student(s) will also be given comments about their performance to reaffirm them on what they are doing well and what they need to work on.

When does this event take place?

This event will take place on **December 1st, 2018**. The event will start at 8:00 and will go till around 5:00pm. Students will be assigned a time to perform by the MSBOA organization

Where is it?

The event will be hosted at Coopersville Middle School (198 East St, Coopersville, MI 49404).

What type of music should I play, and how long does the piece have to be?

Miss Brainard & Mr. Walsh will help each soloist and/or duet pick out a piece from the collection of books we have here at school. All musical selections **MUST** be approved by one of the directors. Each event must play a minimum of 1 minute and 30 seconds or you will be disqualified. This festival is only for band instruments and advanced piano students.

Should I play a solo or in a small group?

Students at the middle school level are **highly encouraged** to play a solo. Solos are easier to put together than small groups because students can practice at home by themselves. All solos (except piano and percussion) are required to play with a piano. Sparta has an accompanist available for students to use, and the Music Boosters will cover the \$25 fee if you choose to utilize their services. If you know an experienced pianist other than ours, you may have them play for you but you must cover the cost on your own. It is customary to pay your pianist between \$25-\$30.

If a student decides to play in a small group he or she must choose a like instrument. For example; 2 flutes, flute/clarinet, 2 trumpets, 2 snare drums. Students will not be allowed to play in "weird" chamber groups such as flute/tuba duet or percussion/trumpet duets for this particular event. All small ensembles **MUST** be approved by a director and find time to practice together outside of school. Groups that are deemed unprepared due to lack of preparation by the directors, parents, or students themselves will not attend Solo & Ensemble and will not be refunded.

Does this event cost money?

Yes--solos are a \$10 fee, and duets are \$10 per person. We accept cash and checks made out to **Sparta Music Boosters**. Students may use their Music Booster Family Account to pay, provided that they turn in the properly filled out withdrawal form with this sign-up sheet (form can be found on www.spartabands.org, under the "Scrip" page). If you need to check your account balance, please send an email to 2015spartascriptfamily@gmail.com (please note that replies generally take up to a week).