

MHS Solo/Ensemble – Saturday, January 25th, 2020

Participating in solo/ensemble is **strongly recommended**, but not required. Performing at solo/ensemble is an extremely rewarding musical experience. It gives a much different perspective than daily rehearsals and performances in your band and choir. Here are some benefits:

- *Students will learn about appropriate solo literature for their instrument or voice.*
- *Students learn to develop their ear, while becoming critical about their own musical development.*
- *Performing a solo allows musicians to focus on technical and expressive aspects of their instrument or voice.*
- *Students gain experience performing for an adjudicator and a limited audience, and then receiving feedback.*
- *Students gain experience communicating musically with a piano player.*
- *This event is the SJMEA regional qualification for the solo/ensemble state contest.*

Cost: The cost for this event is \$15 per solo and \$20 per ensemble to be paid to MHS Choir or Band ASB. It must be submitted to Mrs. Heslep. This is a non-refundable fee. There will also be a fee for an accompanist's rehearsal and performance time.

Registration: Registration must be completed between December 1st and 13th by Mr. DeGrace. Payment is due at the time of registration.

Eligibility: Eligible students must be enrolled in the concert ensembles at Meridian high school.

Practice time: Students will need to practice on their own time, but Mr. DeGrace will be available for help UPON REQUEST. Students will need to sign up for at least 2 lesson times with Mr. DeGrace between December 1st and January 20th. Mr. DeGrace must hear that you are fully prepared before you are allowed to represent your school at this event.

If you choose a piece of music with piano accompaniment, at least 2 rehearsal times will need to be arranged with your accompanist.

Musical Selections: Your selection must be chosen and **approved**.

Mr. DeGrace has vocal selections and a JW Pepper catalog for instrumental solos and ensembles.

According to the Washington State Solo/Ensemble rules, the literature choices will be as follows:

Voice: No Rock, Pop or Jazz. Students must perform an art song or music representing master literature.

Instrumental: Jazz, Pop, or Rock is not acceptable. Selections must be of master literature only.

Percussion: A student or ensemble may perform rudimental, ancient or symphonic type work.

Please look through the state rule packet for additional information.
If you have any specific questions, feel free to email or call:

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SJMEA Solo/Ensemble
Saturday, January 25th, 2020 - All Day
Sehome High School

Deadline for commitment:
Friday, December 13th

By committing, you are promising to pay - the fee will be added to your ASB account.
Once you are registered by SJMEA, you have **purchased a time slot** and you are committing to pay, **whether or not** you perform.

Registration Deadline, Friday, December 13th
Checks are to be made out to MHS ASB
\$15 for solos
\$20 for ensembles

Reminders for the day of the event

- You are responsible for your own transportation and supervision.
- Arrive 60 minutes before your time slot. Find your room, warm up, watch other performers.
- Dress nicely
- Bring a copy of your music for yourself, and the original for the judge
- Know your piece beyond what's on the page – Find the meaning behind the composer and this particular piece of work. Expect the judge to ask you questions about it.
- Introduce yourself, your school, your piece, and your accompanist.
- Deadline for payment is Friday, Dec 13th. Submit receipt to Mr. DeGrace. \$15 for solos, \$20 for ensembles. (money is due even if the performer does not perform – your time slot has been purchased)
- Mr. DeGrace will be on site the majority of the day, and sincerely tries to make it to every performance, but with different rooms and schedules, it is impossible to be present for everyone. (In-between performances, he can likely be found in the commons or in the SHS music office taking care of treasurer duties.)
- Look at the schedule – Watch and support other Meridian performers!