

Dear Music Professional:

The **109th American Guild of Music National Convention and Contest** is coming back to Chicago and will be held at the Westin Chicago North Shore - July 15-18, 2010. Solos will start on Thursday July 15 at 3PM and run into the evening. The check in date is **Thursday July 15, 2010** and the check out day will be **Monday, July 19, 2010**. Our special low hotel rate for AGM members is \$99.00 with free parking. These rates are good two days before and after the contest. Take a moment to review the enclosed materials that you will need to enter the contest. **ALL PRICING AND HOTEL INFORMATION IS LOCATED IN THE MARCH 2010** edition of NEWS on the Inside Front and back covers. Ask every student to participate in this years Nationals

Enclosed in this package are:

Enrollment Form

Please take the time to fill out this form correctly. Please print legibly and use BLACK INK. DO NOT USE PENCIL. Forms received in blue ink or pencil do not fax well and risk the chance of having students names spelled wrong because pencil or blue ink is illegible. Remember that the following are considered separate instruments and should be entered on separate lines: Keyboard and Sequenced Boards; Drum Set and Snare Drums; Guitar, Classic, Bass, Finger Style and Hard Rock Guitar; Vocal Classical and Vocal Broadway. Be sure to fill out the accounting form completely for each student with age, length of study, birth dates for all students enrolled in the age achievement category, and test list level.. If you need more accounting forms you can go to www.americanguild.org/natenroll.pdf

Duet /Group Enrollment form

Duet/Group enrollment form is to be used for all groups, bands, ensembles pop combos and battle of the bands. This form ties in with the group section on your accounting forms. Notice that on the accounting form, there is a box that says group and another that says group #. The number that goes in this box corresponds to the number next to the appropriate group on the group enrollment form. The Group Enrollment form can also be used to keep track of duets. The same number on the enrollment form can be placed on the accounting form as a duet number.

Banquet Information

Please read the banquet information letter and fill out the banquet form. Please remember that separate checks must be made out for Banquet fees and Contest Fees. All contest fees are in American Funds and sent to Stamford, CT, Banquet Fees are in American Funds and mailed to Carol Stream Illinois.

Rules and Posters

In your package you will find rules and a Nationals Poster. Please post the posters in prominent places in your studio to let all your students know that it is time to enter the oldest contest in North America and make everyone aware that www.americanguild.org is the website and it is available for all AGM Information. Finally please take time to carefully read the contest rules and regulations. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call: Rick 203-569-9899 or Gina Selvagi. 905-832-0392. Or you can email us at agm@americanguild.org.

2010 Contest Committee – Rick Chizmadia, Gina Selvaggi, Rachel Watson & Adriane Galea

109th Annual National Contest Information

All students must submit a \$5.00 program fee and a \$10.00 student membership fee. All participating students are encouraged to stay at the hotel. A \$15.00 facilities fee will be assessed per family. This fee will be refunded to your hotel bill if you stay 2 nights or more at the contest hotel. There is a \$2.00 per student online registration fee and \$6.00 per student registration fee for all faxed, mailed and emailed entries. All entry forms must be printed legibly in black ink. Do not fold or staple. Completed Entry forms and payments should be mailed to AGM National Contest, **20 Ocean View Dr. Stamford, CT 06902. Make checks/ money orders payable to the American Guild of Music. Checks for the contest and banquet must be payable in U.S. Funds. Incomplete entry forms or entry forms without payment will be held until information or payment arrives. Sorry, no refunds will be given, unless entries are rejected by the Contest Director. All mailed entries must be received by May 28, 2010. On line registration ends June 7, 2010** Late entries will not be accepted without a late payment fee of \$20.00 PER STUDENT and the permission of the contest director. A limited amount of scholarship funds are available as grants. See Scholarship Information elsewhere in NEWS. Accommodations for those with disabilities will be made for those who submit a request in writing. Official Year 2010 Entry forms, Rules and Regulations, and a AGM Syllabus may be obtained on line at www.americanguild.org. or email membership@americanguild.org

For further information call the AGM Hotline at 248.686.1975, or go to www.americanguild.org

ELIGIBILITY & Membership

All students must be entered by their own teacher. The teacher or the studio must be a member of the American Guild of Music. An individual teacher may become a Professional member for a \$55.00 new member fee or \$40.00 renewal. This allows the professional teacher to enter only their students. A music studio with more than one teacher may become a Studio Store member for an \$80.00 new member fee, or a \$65.00 renewal. This fee allows all teachers at the studio to enter students. All dues must be sent to Daren Peplinski at 35176 Lana Lane, Sterling Hts, MI 48312

Awards Banquet

Awards at the Nationals are broken down into two separate functions. Test list and Duet awards are given out on Saturday at a free ceremony where the Convention Choir performs. All of the remaining awards are given at the Grande Awards Banquet on Sunday evening. Performing at the Grand Awards Banquet are the Convention Orchestra and the North American Invitational Championship winners. All students who attend the nationals are expected to attend the annual awards banquet. Tickets must be ordered in advance. We have negotiated a reduced banquet ticket rate for 2010. Please order early.

If advance tickets are purchased before June 25, 2010 reduced ticket prices are: \$16.00 Children (14 and under) and \$27.00 for children 15 and older and adults. A limited amount of tickets may be available after the cut off date at a fee of \$21.00 Children and \$33.00 Adult and will not be sold after 4PM at the contest registration desk on July 15, 2010

Please remember that a representative from each studio must be present to obtain any awards that are achieved by the studio. No awards will be shipped.

Any questions regarding the banquet call Perla Cudal at 630-289-2364 or email her at: perla.cudal@americanguild.org

2010 National Contest Fees

SOLOS: \$15.00 for 1st solo \$14.00 each for 2nd or 3rd solos) \$9.00 each (for four or more additional solos)

\$22.00 for Evaluation Solo ONLY

Mandatory Student Membership - \$10.00 Mandatory Program Fee \$5.00

Enrollment Fee \$3.00 Online - \$7.00 Mailed. Facilities Fee. \$15.00

N.A.I.C. Qualifications \$25.00 NAIC Finals \$35.00

AGE Finals \$ 25.00 Sight Reading \$7.00 Concerto \$25.00 Concerto Finals \$35.00

Duets \$9.00 per person

Ensembles, Bands & Pop Combos \$7.00 per person

Showband/Showchoir \$30.00 per group plus \$4.00 per member

Battle of the Bands \$30.00 per band plus \$5.00 per member

Theory Test (levels 1-9) \$2.00 per level Theory Test (level 10) \$10.00

Cadet Teachers \$15.00 Convention Orchestra & Choir \$10.00

ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal Code _____ Email address _____

Phone _____ Fax # _____

PLEASE SEND ME (INDICATE # OF FORMS)

GROUPS _____ Duets _____ SYLLABUS _____

**Rules and Forms may be found at www.americanguild.org
Mail to: 20 Ocean View Dr. Stamford, CT 06902.**

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