

# THE 19th ANNUAL STRING INSTRUMENT SOLO AND SMALL ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Fletcher Music Center  
East Carolina University  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

Welcome to a new school year and to the 18th Annual Eastern North Carolina Stringed Instrument Solo and Small Ensemble Festival. On Saturday, October 22, 2011, the Solo and Small Ensemble Festival will be held at East Carolina University in Greenville.

By encouraging your students to start the year with chamber music, you create a solid musical foundation for your students and encourage strong leadership skills within your ensembles. The Eastern North Carolina String Instrument Solo and Small Ensemble Festival is a venue for well-rehearsed students to receive comments from experienced adjudicators.

Please submit an application for each ensemble or solo. Fees are noted within this information letter. Remember that sending in the fees and application by the stated deadline ensures that your musicians participate in this event. Deadline for postmark of applications is October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that applications postmarked after the deadline will pay double fees. The following information highlights the rules and regulations of this event.

## NCMEA Eastern Regional Solo and Ensemble Guidelines

**1. All participating directors must be current members of NCMEA and must show their MENC card at registration. (Current at the time of registration and of the event). Please remember your card: without it, your students will be unable to participate in the festival.**

2. All participants must be current members of their school music program, if one exists. If the school does not have a music program, the sponsoring teacher must be a current member of MENC.

3. The student's primary teacher must attend this event with his/her students. Students may not register themselves and may not be sponsored by another teacher without prior written consent from the chair. Permission must be given no less than 10 days prior to the event.

4. You may select any solo or ensemble to perform at the festival. Each participating solo or ensemble must provide the adjudicator with a complete score showing piano accompaniment AND solo line for solos/duets and /or a FULL SCORE for the ensembles. Piano reductions, etc. are not acceptable as ensemble scores. Please be selective in the groups that you send to Eastern Regional Solo and Ensemble. Only the most prepared students should be afforded the privilege of attending the event.

5. There will be one adjudicator supplying written as well as taped comments. Solo/duet and ensembles must provide the adjudicator a complete score with every measure numbered. This will mean two score sets: one for the performer/accompanist and one full score for the adjudicator.

6. Photocopies will not be allowed. (The only exception to this is a score that was

ordered and not received in time for the event. An invoice from the music dealer stating the name of the piece and date ordered must accompany the photocopy).

7. Small ensembles constitute 2-11 musicians: any ensemble above 11 members is eligible to participate in the East/West Regional Orchestra Contest Festival.

8. If accompaniment is written for your event, it is required for the festival performance. Any person/group that performs without written accompaniment will be viewed as an incomplete performance and will receive "Comments Only".

9. Practice rooms will be available for soloists to warm-up 10 minutes prior to their event and rooms will be available for larger ensembles a brief time before their assigned performance time.

10. Each participant/group should announce the name of their group, the composition, and the composer/arranger.

11. All comments and ratings will be distributed as soon after the adjudication as possible.

12. Cars may utilize parking spaces next to Fletcher Music Center and in the B1 lots off of 10th Street.

Buses: Please let us know that you will be bringing a bus of students so that we can make appropriate arrangements for parking.

13. Please enclose a check in the amount of:

(make a single check payable to NCMEA to cover cost of event).

Individual checks from students will not be accepted, and the teacher must send a single check from the school or a "boosters" organization to cover the application costs. Individual checks from students or teachers will not be accepted.

\$15.00 for Solos and /or Duets

\$8.00 per member for trios and larger (up to a total of \$32.00 per ensemble)

Send checks to:

Joseph Walker  
Southwest Middle School  
3000 Furia Drive  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

14. Fletcher Music Center is on the ECU campus in Greenville, NC at the intersection of 10th Street and College Hill Drive. Please do a mapquest ([www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)) search from your location to this intersection for directions.