

## **MUSIC: INSTRUMENTAL – CONTEMPORARY**

### **Description**

This competition celebrates the artistry of solo instrumental performance using contemporary musical styles. Contestants are encouraged to showcase their unique interpretation and technical prowess through a captivating performance.

### **Requirements**

1. Musical Selection:
  - Choose a solo piece specifically composed for your instrument.
  - Ensure the piece does not exceed 5 minutes in duration. Exceeding this limit will result in point deductions.
2. Performance Format:
  - Your performance must be a solo presentation.
  - If your piece requires additional musicians, you are responsible for providing them.
  - You may request piano accompaniment by May 10, 2021. Please submit sheet music with your request.
  - Alternatively, you can bring your own accompanist.
3. Sheet Music Submission:
  - Submit one clear, well-aligned digital copy of your sheet music.
4. Instrument and Equipment:
  - A piano will be provided for your performance.
  - You must provide any additional instruments or equipment needed.
5. Musical Style and Instrument Choice:
  - Select a piece that aligns with contemporary musical styles, such as R&B, Broadway, Jazz, Gospel, Blues, etc.

- The choice of instrument and musical piece is entirely yours.
- Live accompaniment is permitted.

## Judging Criteria

Criteria	Weighting
Effectiveness of Style, Improvisation	20%
Intonation, Touch (Piano)	20%
Stage Presence, Choice of Music	20%
Technique, Articulation, Breathing, Tonality, Rhythm, Facility	20%
Tone Quality, Beauty, Control, Characteristic Timbre	20%

## Tips for Contestants

- Choose a piece that suits your strengths and interests.
- Practice diligently to master the technical aspects of your piece.
- Develop a strong stage presence and connect with the audience.
- Pay attention to dynamics, phrasing, and articulation.
- Consider incorporating improvisation to add spontaneity and creativity to your performance.
- If you choose to use an accompanist, ensure clear communication and rehearsal time.
- Dress professionally and appropriately for the performance.
- Most importantly, enjoy the process and have fun!