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Subject: PMTA Special Announcement: PMTA 2023 Piano Ensemble Updates

We are pleased to announce the 2023 PMTA Piano Ensemble concert will once again be held in person. The concert date is **Saturday, February 4, 2023**, and the location is Arcadia High School.

Here's what's new for 2022-2023:

Registration

1. Open Registration - August 15-September 30, 2022.
2. Registration will be online only. No mail-in forms will be accepted.
3. Upon registration each teacher registering will automatically receive an email confirming the "receipt" of the registration. This is not a confirmation of registered students or parts or music selections.
 - Each music selection must have at least 8 performers registered for the selection to stay in the concert.
 - Teachers will be informed throughout the month of September as to the status of registered groups.
 - Therefore, it is highly recommended that no music be purchased or study begun on any ensemble piece until that group has been confirmed.
 - If a group is dropped, teachers will have the option of moving their student to another group.
4. Confirmation of registration will be emailed by October 10th.

Rehearsals

1. Every registered performer, including adults and teachers, must submit a video audition recording no later than January 7, 2023. Specific information and upload instructions will be sent when registration is confirmed around the beginning of October. Audition recordings will replace one in-person rehearsal. Only conductors will be listening for preparedness, not perfection. This will ensure that all the members of the group will attend the 1st in-person rehearsal with the same degree of preparation.
2. There will be two mandatory in-person rehearsals (instead of three as in past years).
3. Rehearsals locations - changes for 2023:
 - Saturday January 21 and 28, Arizona Academy of Arts and Academics (ACAA). No Saturday rehearsals at Camelback High School.
 - Tuesday January 24 and 31/ Thursday January 26, February 2 – ACAA.
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4. Final rehearsals: Friday February 3 or Saturday February 4, Arcadia High School Performing Arts Center.
5. Rehearsal schedules will be sent in late October.

Recordings Provided to Assist Teachers & Students

1. **Music Selection Recordings:** Audio or YouTube video recordings of this year's music selections will be posted in August on the website. These recordings are intended for teachers and students to listen to the pieces only for the purpose of choosing repertoire. These recordings are not to be used as practice recordings.
2. **Practice Recordings:** Conductors will not only have written notes but will also supply each registered teacher audio recordings, Primo and Secondo, of the music selections. These recordings are to be

used as practice recordings and will be emailed to all registered teachers along with their registration confirmation by October 10th.

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