

October 9, 2020

Dear WMFC parents,

Thank you so much for the support you're giving your child. Music is such an integral part of learning and we are grateful you work with a teacher who is part of our organization.

Federation Festival is a very important part of a students' musical education. They learn memorization techniques, perhaps are exposed to different materials and receive affirming feedback from qualified adjudicators.

This year, because of COVID-19, we will be having a virtual festival. We have contracted with Heartout, an easy to use digital based audition platform that provides both security and storage.

Your students will have the opportunity to complete five (5) videos of each piece they will be performing for festival. Once they've decided which video they like the best, they'll submit it as well as a picture of their music on the HeartOut app. Adjudicators will receive this information, provide feedback, and your students teacher will review the results with them. The HeartOut app is available on Google Play and the Apple app store. We will share more detailed information as we get closer to the festival dates.

The time frame to submit these videos will be March 5, 2021 to March 14, 2021. At the end of this time period, our adjudicators will review the submissions and have all of them completed by March 21, 2021.

Thank you again, for letting us be involved with your student's musical journey.

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Virtual Festival Event Committee