

FESTIVAL RULES and GUIDELINES

Ribbon Festival 2023

Saturday, November 18, 2023 at Bluffton University

(Sponsored by the Middle West District of the Ohio Music Teachers Association)

Important information

For performers and their families:

1. This is a 'dress up/look-your-best' event. Recommended attire is:
Girls - wear a dress with a modest hemline or a dressy slacks outfit with dress shoes.
Boys - wear dress pants with shirt or nice sweater with dress shoes (suit and tie are not required, but both are preferred)
2. Each performer should bring his/her score with all measures numbered. Write your name and your teacher's name on the front cover of the score. This score will be used by the judges during the performance. **Photocopies will not be accepted.**
3. There are *two* different performance rooms. Be sure you and your family members know the *name of your performance room* and the *time of your performance*.
4. Check-in Information:
You should arrive 15 - 20 minutes before your assigned performance time. There will be a 'check-in' table located outside each of the performance rooms. The 'check-in' person will take your score. You will be given one souvenir program for you and your family.
5. After you enter the performance room, the announcer will ask you and the other performers to sit in a designated row near the front of the room. Remain seated until your name is called.
6. After you perform, be prepared to 'take a bow' in recognition of the audience's applause.
7. **Flash photography is prohibited** in the performance rooms. Be sure that all family members know this! **Also, please turn off all cell phones.**
8. Family and friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend the Ribbon Festival. If you bring small children, please be sensitive to the quiet and concentration required of the performers. Each recital will last under one hour and there is no intermission.
9. You are expected to stay for the entire recital hour. There will be 15-18 performers in each recital hour. Certificates, comment sheets, and ribbons will be presented after the last performer.

Enjoy the day!