

General Guidelines for Virtual Achievement Day 2023

Charleston Music Teachers Association will host *Achievement Day 2023* both in-person at Charleston Southern University as well as virtually (performance only). Virtual participants will be required to record themselves playing two pieces of contrasting styles from memory – theory, technique, and sight reading components being excluded. Adjudicators will offer critiques and students will receive ribbons based on the Performance component's 3 point scale. Virtual Participants will not be eligible for the *Honors Recital*. The purpose of Virtual Achievement Day is to offer an alternative option for students with scheduling conflicts and COVID concerns an alternative way to still participate and accrue Crescendo points.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 10th, 2023

Registration Fee: \$20 per student

Video Submission Deadline: Saturday, March 4th, 2023

- Students/Parents will record a separate video for each audition piece. Videos may be recorded on any device. Videos must have been recorded during the 2022-2023 school year.
Tip 1: Be sure the device is fully charged or plugged in.
Tip 2: Be sure the camera is stationary; do not have someone hold the camera.
Tip 3: Turn volume all the way down (so a text/call does not interrupt filming).
- Students should dress nicely for their recordings; piano and surroundings should be free of distractions.
- Each video must be made in a full take from a single camera angle. Video/audio editing is not allowed!
- The camera should allow for a full view of the student at the instrument. Please consider the visual aspects of posture, technique, and pedaling that would be helpful for judges to be able to see.
- For Piano: The camera must be set up so that the judge can see seating position, hand position, pedals and an empty music rack to show the performance is from memory. The entire keyboard should be visible as well as the student's hands.
- For Vocal: The camera must show the singer in full view, and it must be clear that they are singing from memory. Facial expressions should be seen clearly. The Singer should not have busy clothing or have a distracting background. A light source should be in front of the singer; not behind or above. Vocalists may use a pre-recorded accompaniment.
- Entrants must have a YouTube account to participate. Students/Parents will upload videos to YouTube (videos should be "unlisted" so comments are disabled). Videos should list the piece title and composer (Example: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, Bach) in both the "Title" and "Description" boxes. Links to each video should be emailed to the teacher for submission.
- In ONE EMAIL, Teachers will email their students' URL links along with scanned music to the Achievement Day Co-Chairs [chair@cmtachieve.org] on or before the March 4th, 2023 Deadline.