

MEA Original Composition Festival
May 5, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.
Alumni Theater, Caldwell University (120 Bloomfield Ave. Caldwell)

To enter students, log onto your **Member Homepage** and fill out the *Original Composition Festival Interactive Registration Form* found in the right hand column.

Guidelines:

- Composer/performer must be a student of an active MEA teacher.
- Deadline to enter is **March 31**. Late forms will not be accepted.
- Performances should be of high enough caliber to deserve a public audience even at early levels.
- Please time the length of the composition to be performed and submit as requested on registration form.
- Composers may appear as soloists, accompanists or in small ensembles. In an ensemble, only one performer is required to be studying his/her ensemble instrument with an MEA member.
- All solo repertoire must be memorized.
- Dress appropriately to reflect the spirit of your composition. (Originality is encouraged, sloppiness is discouraged.)
- The Chair must be notified if performers are unable to appear.
- Performers should arrive 15 minutes before the announced time of the Festival in order to be seated.
- Performers must remain throughout the performances in order to support fellow composers, encourage proper courtesy at concerts, and to minimize distractions to the performers.
- Family and friends are encouraged to attend.
- There is a \$10 fee for all students who have not participated in the Eric Steiner Original Composition Competition. Any donation will be gratefully accepted to help cover expenses and to support the Original Composition Festival.
- Teachers may enter up to 5 students in the Festival, not including Eric Steiner Competition participants.
- All entrants in the Eric Steiner Original Composition Competition are automatically enrolled in the Original Composition Festival at no extra charge.
- Annual Piano Auditions Composition Option: Students are encouraged to perform their compositions again as part of the Annual Piano Auditions in the spring.

Email questions to Chair, Kathy Knittel: compositioncommittee@mea-nj.org