

# MEA Original Composition Festival

**APRIL 23, 2017 - 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 26**. 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.
- A \$10 donation is suggested following the Festival for those performers who were not participants in the Eric Steiner Composition Competition 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 Composition Competition are encouraged to perform at this Festival.
- Original compositions can be performed as required repertoire in the Annual Piano Auditions.

Email questions to: **[compositioncommittee@mea-nj.org](mailto:compositioncommittee@mea-nj.org)**