



## Missouri Music Educators Association

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To our MMEA Membership:

As we find ourselves navigating uncharted waters the executive board has discussed changes to our ensemble performance selection process for the 2021 Conference. Due to the online-only status of many of our universities and the loss of so many rehearsals for our K-12 ensembles for the rest of the spring semester, we feel these changes are necessary to maintain the fairness and equity of our process. On March 20, 2020 your MMEA Board voted to amend the Performing Ensemble Policies and Procedures for the 2021 Conference selection process. These changes apply only to the 2020-2021 cycle:

- 5.1 Application for Performance opens August 15 and closes October 1.
- 7.1 Only two contrasting selections will be required.
  - 7.1.1 Recordings from the 2020-2021 and/or the 2019-2020 school year may be submitted.
- 8.1 In lieu of performance programs, directors will submit a form signed by an administrator that verifies the work was rehearsed or performed during the 2019-2020 and/or the 2020-2021 school years.
  - 9.1.2 The selection window will take place from October 7-14. Given the one-week time frame, the out-of-state committee will meet remotely rather than in-person.
- 9.5.1 Ensemble verification by the MMEA President and Executive Director will take place from October 15-20.
  - 10.1.1 The MMEA President will announce the selected ensembles on October 21.
- 10.2 In lieu of an in-person director's meeting, the MMEA President-Elect will hold remote meetings on Sunday afternoon on October 25 with selected ensemble directors to prepare them for their conference performance.

All other selection criteria remain as written in the Performing Ensemble Selection Policies and Procedures. You can access this document at [mmea.net](http://mmea.net).

It is hoped that these changes will mitigate some of the logistical problems caused by the closures of our learning institutions.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@mmea.net](mailto:president@mmea.net).

Respectfully,

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