

# Event Descriptions

## **Dove Music Studio Recitals**

Dove Music Studio offers recitals in late spring (usually in May), and mid-fall (usually October). Our recitals are treated as formal performances. Many students perform 1-3 small pieces from their method books. Students are not required to play from memory, but most teachers do encourage memorization.

Both the spring and fall recitals typically occur at the Cedar Lake Village Performance Hall in Olathe. Recitals are always open for students to bring as many family and friends as they would like. Students are expected to follow the performance dress code for recitals.

## **Holiday Party**

The Holiday Party is usually the first Friday in December. At the Holiday Party, studio families will have a potluck dinner, play holiday music for each other, and play music themed games where they can win prizes. This is a casual event and students may wear whatever is comfortable.

## **OMTA Spring Festival (Olathe Music Teachers Association)**

The OMTA Spring Festival is a fantastic opportunity for students, especially those who are new to festivals and competitions. At the festival, students will perform one memorized piece for a single judge. If the judge gives 90 or more points out of 100, then the student will receive a medal! Students will also take a theory test, which is very similar to test they would have taken at studio class. If they score 90 or higher they will receive a medal. The OMTA Spring Festival is usually the Saturday after Spring Break at Midamerica Nazarene University in Olathe. All medals are then given to teachers on Monday morning, and teachers will give them out at that week's lesson. Students are expected to follow the performance dress code for festivals.

## **UMKC Spring Festival**

The UMKC Spring Festival is a slightly more difficult festival opportunity where students can be adjudicated by UMKC Conservatory Faculty. At the festival, students will perform a memorized piece for a judge and receive a rating of 1, 2, 3 or 4, with 1 being the highest. The top 10

performers of the day will be selected for an honors recital. Students will receive a medal no matter what rating they receive. Medals are given out at the honors recital. The UMKC Spring Festival is usually on a Saturday in early May, which the Honors recital on the following weekend. Students are expected to follow the performance dress code for festivals.

### **M.A.M.A Festival (Mid America Music Association)**

The M.A.M.A Festival is a full weekend event that usually occurs on the last weekend of July. At this festival, students can participate in many different solo categories, ensemble categories, theory bee, and a quiz bowl. For performance categories, students will perform two memorized pieces for a judge. If they score an average score of 95 out of 100, they will receive a trophy at the award ceremony. The top 8 performers are also selected for an honors recital. The M.A.M.A festival location rotates between Kansas City, Saint Louis, and the Ozarks. Students are expected to follow the performance dress code for performances, but may dress casually for the rest of the festival.