

MID-AMERICA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Dear Friends and Music Colleagues:

The time to plan for spring music festivals is upon us! We invite you to join us for the **38th Annual Mid-America Music Festival** to be held on our campus on Saturday, April 18th, 2026. Entry forms are enclosed with this letter and are due by **March 13, 2026**. Late fees will be applied after this date.

This festival is designed to encourage and support participation in music by young people in the four-state region. We aim to provide positive, constructive feedback to these young performers in a way that will assist their musical development. Area grade school students, junior high students through grade nine, and those pre-school students whose teachers feel such a festival would be beneficial, are eligible to participate in this event.

Instrumental categories include piano and all instruments of the band and orchestra in classifications of solos, duets, trios, quartets, small ensembles of up to 14 members, and large ensembles up to and including full band and full orchestra. **Vocal categories** include solos, duets, trios, quartets, and small and large ensembles as defined for the instrumental classifications.

Festival adjudicators will provide written comments for each entry and assign a **rating** ranging from I (Excellent), II (Good) to III (Fair). Also, in recognition of their special effort, each solo entrant will receive an attractive commemorative medal and a certificate, and each member of a small ensemble will receive a ribbon and a certificate suitable for framing. Large Ensembles will receive one certificate and one commemorative plaque. Medals for members of all ensemble groups, large or small, and ribbons and certificates for members of large ensembles may be purchased on the day of the festival or ordered later.

The PSU Overman Student Center will be open the day of the festival for food service, however, due to previous year's MAMF participants' conduct and defilement of PSU facilities, we ask that directors and parents keep a mindful watch on your students while on our campus. We are also requesting that all participants arrive **wearing a badge, indicating both their name and school**. This additional step serves as a security measure and allows festival directors to confirm the identity of festival participants. If participants are found to be disruptive or destructive to PSU property, they and their respective schools will not be permitted to return to future Mid-America Festivals.

There are many dining options within walking distance of the PSU campus: the Mall Deli, Del Rio, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Subway, Jimmy John's, Freddie's, Hardees, McDonalds, KFC, and Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant. There are additional fast food and dine-in restaurants on the north end of Pittsburg that would be suitable for larger groups who have traveled on buses. If none of these options are feasible, participants are encouraged to bring their own snacks and/or bagged lunches.

Campus and area directions will be sent to all entrants before the festival day, along with complete information about traffic routes, parking, and festival locations. **Complete festival information including fee schedule, deadlines and procedures, and any other information for the day of the festival [is available here.](#)**

Please contact us if we can assist you as you make your festival plans. The faculty and staff of the Department of Music of Pittsburg State University pledge to do everything possible to ensure a rewarding and enjoyable festival for you and your students.

Sincerely,



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