TO: RMTA PARTICIPATING TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
RE: DS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

READING MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

WE'RE GOING VIRTUAL FOR 2020!

This year's DS Performance Festival will be virtual! The teacher and student will decide if the video(s) will be done in the teacher's studio or in the student's home. Access to a YouTube account is required. Regardless of location, there are some basic guidelines to follow:

- Piano and Vocal selections must be memorized. Instrumentalists may use the score. Accompaniment not required, but pre-recorded accompaniments permitted.
- Wear clothes you would wear for a live audition. (shoes, please!)
- Place the camera 6-8 feet away.
- Make sure face, fingers and feet are in the frame at all times. (Pianists, record from the side so hand movement on the keys is visible.)
- Keep the camera still – don't walk around.
- Record in a quiet setting free of ambient noise. (no dishes, tv's, barking, talking, etc in the background)
- Make sure the mic is not covered by your hand, the device case or sitting on a hard surface.
- If total performance time is under 6 minutes, record in ONE file. If over 6 minutes, record in TWO files.
- Teachers should review your video(s) prior to submission.

HERE'S THE VIDEO PROCESS…
1. **PREPARE** video in ONE TAKE if possible.
2. **UPLOAD** video to your YouTube Studio. As the upload progresses, do the following…
   a. Details Page:
      i. Check "Yes it's made for kids".
      ii. Click the blue "more options" towards the bottom of the screen.
      iii. Scroll down to confirm that **"ALLOW EMBEDDING"** is checked. *(this is important!!)*
      iv. Click the blue "Next" button which takes you to Video Elements page. Do nothing here.
      v. Click the blue "Next" button. Takes you to Visibility Page.
   b. Visibility Page:
      i. Click **"UNLISTED".** *(this is important!!)*
      ii. Take note of the **SHAREABLE LINK** shown under the video picture. Copy this!
         1. This link is shown on the "Visibility" page, but can also be obtained via the Edit button.
      iii. Click "Next" and you're done!
3. **LABEL YOUR LINK:** To use it in the registration form
      Teacher Code_StudentLast_StudentFirst: YouTubelink. (*Example: EB_Smith_Susie: https://youtu.be/RAN4etc*)
      If two files, add 1 and 2 after student first name   (*Example: EB_Smith_Susie1: https://youtu.be/RAN4etc*)

==**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 5:00 PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020 VIA THE RMTA WEBSITE**==.
You may register any time prior to deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Info needed for registration includes: Teacher code, student last/first, instrument, theory test level, performance time, titles, composers, YouTube link(s) labeled as above.

REGISTRATION FEE is $20 for first solo performance, $15 each additional instrument or sibling performance. Checks are payable to the teacher. Teachers submit one check to the chair to cover their studio.

THEORY TEST: The teacher will decide whether testing will be done at the student home or in the teacher's studio.

STUDENT'S 2020 THEORY TEST LEVEL IS: _____

TEACHER CODES	
AL	Altenderfer
BI	Bilger
CH	Chandler
CC	Cocci
CO	Coldren
EB	Eben
FA	Fairbanks
FR	Frecon-Smith
LA	Lanza
RA	Rauenzahn
SC	Scott