



CHECKLIST FOR PARTICIPATING IN A CHORAL MPA

(Cross-referenced to the *Guide to Participating in a Choral MPA*)

You have decided to participate in a PMEA Choral MPA, now what?

- Download and review the [Guide to Participating in a Choral MPA](#) within the [Music Performance Assessment](#) area of the PMEA website.
- Download and review the current forms involved in the MPA, including: (p.3)
 - [Choral Music Performance Assessment Form](#)
 - [Medals Order Form](#) (Optional)
 - [Selective Music List Requests Form](#) (If needed)

SECTION 1: THE SYSTEM (pp. 4-9)

- Monitor the most current MPA Calendar for the list of MPA dates, sites, and contact information
- After receiving permission to participate, register online and contact the host to schedule a performance time
- Decide whether to participate in the *Traditional* or *Festival* performance context
- Process and mail payment for the Registration Fee to the host
- Complete the online *Declaring Prepared Pieces* form, including the Declared Summary Grade Level
- Review the Assessment Forms and use them as classroom tools before and after the MPA
- Communicate with the host to confirm final arrangements
- Review and prepare what to submit at the on-site Check-in

SECTION 2: THE EVENT (pp. 9-16)

- Review how the MPA progresses from Check-in to the Holding Area to the Warm-up Area through the performance on the Auditorium Stage
- Plan for how the ensemble will be staged on the risers, where you want the piano placed, and whether you will use a conductor's podium
- Plan for how any additional accompanying instruments such as percussion or electronics will be transported to and from the MPA, moved throughout the MPA site, and placed on stage
- Review how adjudicators use the Assessment Forms, including how scores and ratings are determined
- Review how assessment results and scores will be returned along with how and when the audio recordings from the adjudicators will be available
- Recommended actions after the MPA
- For those ensembles participating in the *Traditional* performance context, consider the option to download the [Medal Order Form](#) and order medals for your students
- Directors as members of the MPA Committee

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