

2026 PMEA HARP AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

District/Region/All-State Festivals

Time Frame: Monday 10/13/25 - Wednesday at NOON 11/12/25

1. Directors who wish to have their students (grades 10-12 only) considered for selection should: Complete the application form with payment (\$20.00) online at www.pmea.net, scroll to “Conferences and Events” and then click on “PMEA All-State Information.” The Director must be a current PMEA member. ***All student applicants must upload a headshot photo - (ABOVE the SHOULDERS) labeled LAST NAME, FIRST NAME (i.e. Smith, John)***

2. The Audition selections must be submitted online. The audition selections must be recorded from start to finish without cuts and/or splices. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS on how to submit EACH SELECTION are listed BELOW as well as on the Application. ***ARMS, FINGERS and HEAD must be visible when submitting the application for recording. NO EARBUDS or HEADPHONES are permitted to be used in the recording. The best camera angle would be behind or at a side angle of the applicant with a clear view of the hands and music.*** To obtain the best audio quality, a good microphone as well as high-end computers or digital recording devices for the recording equipment are suggested. * **NEW- A VIDEO outlining “how to make a better recording online for submission” is available on the PMEA website. Please take the time to review the recording instructions.**

3. No identifying clothing may be worn (i.e. no school t-shirts, no name identification, no PMEA, NAFME All Eastern or National shirts). ***Additionally, please do NOT include any identifying information (student name/school name) in the video file name or in the contents of the recording.***

4. The “Window of Opportunity” to submit begins **Monday, 10/13/25** and ends at **NOON, Wednesday 11/12/25. Once completed, a confirmation email will be sent to the address used to register.** Please check your SPAM filters for any communications and also check with your IT Administrator if a school email address is used and no email is received.

*If a harpist submits an upload at the district level, but does not participate in the District Festival because there were no harp parts in the festival program, the same ranking would hold for Region Orchestra. If no harp parts are needed for Regions, the same ranking would hold for the PMEA All-State Orchestra in the event a harpist is needed for the All-State program.

5. The director is asked to view the file and verify the recorded audition is consistent with the student’s level of performance.

6. Although PMEA checks to ensure the videos play in the correct format and the file can be opened- PMEA is **NOT** responsible for the content repertoire of the video.

7. The PMEA All-State Harpist announcement will be posted online (www.pmea.net) **TUESDAY, 11/25/25.**

HARP AUDITION REPERTOIRE INSTRUCTIONS

Choose **2** selections from the following list which **display CONTRASTING STYLES** as well as **1 of the ORCHESTRA EXCERPTS for a total of 3 selections**. ALL 3 selections should be played from **start to finish**. It will be to your benefit to submit the most difficult pieces that you can play well. Performances will be judged on Tone Quality, Expression, Style and Phrasing, Technique, Rhythm, Dynamics and Performance and Musical Accuracy using the Harp Rubric.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM (2 with CONTRASTING STYLES)

Theme and Variations.....Joseph Franz Haydn/ ed. Carlos Salzedo
Passacaglia from Suite #7.....G. F. Handel/ ed. Yolanda Kondonassis
Sept Sonates Progressives (All Mvts. of 1 Sonata).....F. J.Nadernann/arr. A.Hasselmans
Etude de Concert, Au Matin.....Marcel Tournier
Chanson dans la Nuit.....Carlos Salzedo
Solfeggietto.....C.P.E. Bach/ed. Marie M. Miller
The Minstrel's Adieu to His Native Land.....John Thomas
Reflets Dans L'Eau.....Jacques Ibert
Absidiales.....Bernard Andreas
Sonata in C MinorG. B. Pescetti/ ed. Salzedo
Concerto in Bb (one Mvt. only)G. F. Handel (any edition)
Fantasie on a Theme of Haydn.....Marcel Grandjany
Impromptu CapriceGabriel Pierne
First ArabesqueClaude Debussy

ORCHESTRA EXCERPTS - Harp I Parts ONLY (START to FINISH)

Swan Lake (Black Swan)Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Romeo and Juliet OverturePyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Capriccio EspagnolN. Rimsky-Korsakov
Berceuse and Finale- Firebird Suite.....Igor Stravinsky
Overture to "La Forza del destino"Giuseppe Verdi
Nocturnes.....Claude Debussy
Prelude to Afternoon of a Faun.....Claude Debussy
Carnival Overture, Op. 92.....Antonin Dvorak
Young Person's Guide (Cadenza).....Benjamin Britten
Death and Transfiguration.....Richard Strauss
Symphony No. 5Dimitri Shostakovich

Listing of Sources for Harp Music:

Lyon & Healy West 877-621-3881 www.harp.com

Vanderbilt Music 800-533-7200 vanderbiltmusic.com

Virginia Harp Center 856-428-1430 www.vaharpcenter.com