

Peak Music Festivals

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS – MURCHISON CENTER

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled warm-up time.

If you will be delayed, please call the Festival Site at the number on the Peak Website and let the Festival Administrator know.

Remember to bring:

- Three (3) copies of your numbered scores
- Three (3) copies of your seating chart showing chairs, stands, equipment
- One (1) completed Announcers Form

Note: Risers are not used at any Peak Festival Site

Facility Address: 2100 Interstate 35E Frontage Road
Denton, TX 76201

The Murchison Performing Arts Center is at the corner of North Texas Blvd. and I-35E. Upon exiting from I-35E proceed north on North Texas Blvd. Turn into the Fouts Field Parking Lot and immediately go left. Stop at the stairs to unload. Buses must IMMEDIATELY move and park in one of the Fouts Field stadium parking areas—one in the dropoff lot and one on the west side of the stadium. Equipment trucks may unload at the Murchison Loading Dock. Warm-up is in the Ensemble Rehearsal Room. Stage Entrance is immediately across the hall from the Warm-up Area. Monitors & ushers will be on hand to assist you.

CHECK-IN

Upon arrival please check in at the contest office inside the South Main Entrance and leave your Judges' Scores, Seating Charts, and Announcer Script.

INSTRUMENT CASE STORAGE

Leave as many instrument cases as possible on your buses. Once inside, the only place for instrument case storage is in the auditorium foyer, in the designated areas.

STUDENT CHANGING

Students may change clothes in the restrooms, Ladies Room on the Ground Floor and Men's Room downstairs under the spiral staircase. Handicap restrooms are for handicapped individuals and Festival Personnel only.

WARMUP ROOM

Time in the warmup room includes moving and setup as well as actual warm-up time. Please be ready to exit the room when requested.

We do not provide tuner or metronome. Electronic devices with tuner/metronome apps that you are familiar with are recommended for use in the warm-up room.

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON STAGE

Cello chairs, string bass stools, Bass Drum, Chimes, Xylophone, Marimba, vibes, gong, orchestra bells, four gauged timpani (23, 26, 29, 32), piano, podium, stands & chairs. You should bring your own electronic piano, sticks, mallets, beaters, snare drums w/stands, all cymbals/stands and any other equipment not specifically listed. Please use the provided equipment percussion vs. your own in order to reduce setup time.

PERFORMANCE

The goal of Peak Festivals is to provide a quality performance experience for all students. We do everything possible to make sure we stay on schedule and that when it is your performance time, it is your time to shine and for your students to take it all in, enjoy the experience and do their best.

Note: Murchison Center rules specifically do not allow any FLASH photography or recording in the concert hall other than by official festival personnel!

FESTIVAL ETIQUETTE

Students are encouraged to stay and hear other groups but quiet must prevail when a group is performing. No one is to enter or exit while a group is playing. Also, caution your students to keep noise to a minimum in the corridors and foyer of the building.

RECORDINGS

DB Audio (David Burks) is the official recorder of Peak Events. Directors will receive an invitation from DB Audio to a shared Google Drive folder which will contain their school's audio files from their performance at Peak Music Festival.

PHOTOS

Peak no longer takes group photos, so if you want a photo, arrange to have one taken by an individual of your choice. An On-Stage photo opportunity will be made available to you just prior to your group's introduction. You may have one representative take a photo of the group. Directors should pose to one side of their group.

JUDGES' CRITIQUE SHEETS

Critique sheets will be emailed to you from each judge immediately after your performance.

CHECK OUT

After performing, stop at the contest office to pick up:

- Results Sheet
- Scores
- Certificates of Merit
- Trophies

AWARDS

- **Divisional Trophy** – All Groups
- **Best in Class Trophy** – One each Festival Day in classes with two or more entries and when winning score is 1st Division
- **Most Outstanding Group Trophy** - Awarded to one middle school band, one middle school orchestra, one high school band AND one high school orchestra ON EACH FESTIVAL DAY. Winning score must be a 1st Division.

- **Certificates of Merit** - Awarded to worthy students and/or sections nominated by judges.

STAYING ON SCHEDULE

Murchison will be closing immediately after the last group performs and we are under contract to leave the building at the conclusion of the Festival. If you have to wait for buses, let us know in advance. We must all vacate the building at closing time.

CANCEL AND REFUND POLICY

In the event you must cancel your performance, our cancel and refund policy can be viewed on our website. <http://www.peakmusicfestivals.org>

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN PEAK MUSIC FESTVALS!