

# 2026 MaineMTA Piano Monster Festival

## *Rehearsal Instructions and Information for Students*

1. It is **imperative** that you know the music very well. If you are unprepared, it could slow down the rehearsals which is unfair to others who are prepared.
2. In a concert of this type, the ensemble aspect is of primary importance. You may omit notes in order to attain a clear and stable rhythm.
3. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT IN ALL REHEARSALS OF YOUR PIECES TO BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM IN THE FINAL CONCERT AT 5:00 PM.**
4. **NO PHOTOCOPIED SCORES ALLOWED** except *Anitra's Dance* by Grieg and *Primavera* from Op. 55 by Cecile Chaminade.
5. Please number the first measure of each line. Numbering continues straight through any first and second endings.
6. Practice turning pages even though it may not be your responsibility at the concert.
7. Please do not use the damper pedal and ignore all pedal markings in the score.
8. Observe all rests, dynamic markings, touches, articulations, slurs, etc.
9. Listen for "balance" (melody vs. accompaniment.) Keep accompaniments subdued.
10. Calculate the ritards, accelerandos, and a tempos, etc. keeping in mind that they may change at rehearsals.
11. Ask your teacher to show you various conducting patterns and practice how to start and stop.
12. Learn the music so well that you can watch the conductor at crucial spots and follow the conductor's beat. Practice each piece at a variety of tempos. Check metronome markings on the original list of works on the MaineMTA website.
13. Bring original music scores to rehearsals and be ready to rehearse at least 10 minutes ahead of schedule. **NO PHOTOCOPIED SCORES WILL BE ALLOWED** (except the two listed above).
14. Bring a pencil to all rehearsals.
15. Concert dress is required at the 5:00 pm performance. All Performers - Nice pants or skirt with leggings (no bare legs please), dress shirt and tie, no blue jeans, sweatpants, Crocs, flip flops or snow boots. If you don't have dressier items, let us know. We can help find some for you!
16. **Pre-Concert:** Change into concert clothes and be ready to go by 4:45 pm.
17. **During the Concert:** All participants please sit directly in front of the concert stage.
18. **We hope you enjoy this monsterous musical experience!**