



**monmouth arts**

**INSTRUMENTAL SOLO  
& SMALL ENSEMBLE**

**GUIDELINES**

**Monmouth Arts' Teen Arts Festival**

- Students will be adjudicated individually or as a group.
- Maximum of 15 performers in a small ensemble.
- Maximum of 7 performances from each school.
- Maximum of 4 minutes for each performance.
- The above requirements are state guidelines.
- Performers should expect just 5 minutes to set up.
- Music Educators are responsible for submitting a copy of scores and sheet music for adjudicators. These must be emailed to Devan Brash or mailed directly to our office *prior* to the festival. Evaluations will not be completed without sheet music submitted in advance. Teachers are responsible for requesting their sheet music back from the adjudicator. Sheet music left behind will NOT be mailed back to schools.
- Monmouth Arts and Brookdale Community College are not responsible for the loss or damage of student instruments or equipment.
- PLEASE NOTE: Monmouth Arts does understand that often, student absences occur, and educators must occasionally step in to fill the shoes of another student in a small ensemble setting. If this should occur and you feel it necessary for an adult to sub for a student, please notify Devan Brash about the sub prior to the adjudication. In all other circumstances, student ensembles must be all-student players.

**GUITAR Guidelines:**

- No maximum number of performers per group.
- Maximum of 5 minutes.
- Please note: Guitar solos and ensembles are encouraged to perform. Guitar is a separate category for the NJ State Teen Arts Festival.*

Please note that adjudicator comments during music adjudications will be AUDIO RECORDED in lieu of written rubric comments. Contact Devan Brash for questions about chairs, music stands, microphones, pianos and other equipment. We are working with the Brookdale Community College facility to see what will be available for the festival.

**\*Sheet music/scores are due in the Monmouth Arts office by February 13, 2026.\***

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