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Dear Students and Parents,

**Our Spring Recital will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at St. Martin's Solomon Theatre 5309 Airline Dr. Metairie, LA 70003.** More details will be made available as soon as possible.

**All students are asked to complete the form on the second page of this document by 5/4/2011. Any student not returning the form by 5/4 will be unable to participate. We are unable to make any exceptions to this deadline.**

**RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION:**

- All students will be assigned one solo.
- All are invited to participate in an ensemble performance (duet, etc.). Students must be available to spend additional time practicing with duet partner either in your homes or at each other's lessons. Please let your teacher know if you are interested in playing a duet.
- Also, all students are invited to write and perform original compositions. The piece must be written correctly on staff paper and performed at the recital in order to participate. Student compositions will be judged by members of our faculty for composition awards. (All student composers will receive an award of some type!) You may ask for your teacher's help in writing the composition.
- In actual fact, some students will be performing three selections: (solo, duet, original composition). Some will be performing two pieces (solo and duet or original composition). Some will be performing one (solo). The decision to perform more than the solo, however, rests with parents and students.
- **Each selection performed must be no more than 2 minutes in length.**
- **Instrumental and vocal students (voice, strings, wind, brass, etc) will require accompanists. The accompanist fee is \$25** and will provide students with 3 mini-rehearsals with the accompanist (or their instructor) in addition to the performance on the day of the concert. Should any parent/student feel that more time is needed with the accompanist, additional private coaching sessions are available at \$25 per 30 minute session and may be booked at the Front Desk. **Checks for accompanist fees should be made payable to LAAPA and should accompany this form when it is returned to the Front Desk.**

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**All solos and original compositions must be memorized for performance by the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> rehearsal. No exceptions will be made as students will NOT be allowed to use their music for solo performances at the rehearsals or recital.** Students may use their music for duets/ensembles.

**REHEARSALS:**

**Mandatory Rehearsals** provide the student with additional coaching from the Academy Directors and will be held **Saturdays at the River Ridge School of Music** between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on **May 14 (no accompanist this date), May 21, and May 28 (MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND)** and **May 24 (for students needing accompaniment)** between 4:30-7:00 PM. A more detailed rehearsal schedule will be forthcoming.

**Students must attend two of the three rehearsals in order to perform on June 4. Absolutely no exceptions will be made for absence from more than one of the four dates above as two rehearsals MUST be attended.**

**TROPHIES:**

Many trophies will be awarded at each program. Ask your individual instructor about our categories and how trophies are earned. Trophies and other awards will be awarded based on students' years of study, weekly performance, and effort at lessons with the exception of the Original Composition trophy and Festival awards.

**TICKETS:**

Recital Tickets for General Admission may be pre-ordered for \$7.00 ea. at the Front Desk or by completing the form below. After May 4, tickets will be available for \$10.00 ea. at the Front Desk or at the gate the day of the Recital. Cash or check is preferred. Ticket purchases are non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to LAAPA.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year you may opt to purchase tickets ahead of time and have them available for pickup at the check in table when you come the day of the recital so that they are not misplaced or forgotten! Just write in "YES" below where it says "Hold My Tickets for Pickup at the Concert." Please note that we will not be able to re-issue any tickets on the day of the concert at the gate if they are lost/forgotten.

***Two complimentary recital tickets (per family) are available for students and/or parents to pick up at the Front Desk. If you do not require more than 2 tickets, please do not order on the form below as that section is for additional tickets only.*** Student performers do not need a ticket.

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**RETURN TO THE FRONT DESK BY 5/4/2011**

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**I have read and agree to follow the above information/guidelines regarding participation in the River Ridge School of Music Spring Recital at LAAPA. If student requires an accompanist or if ordering additional tickets and payment does not accompany this form, I authorize LAAPA to deduct the fees from my account on file. Ticket orders placed below will be mailed to the student address on file unless otherwise instructed.**

*Please complete the following information:*

- Student Will Participate in the Spring Recital**  
 **Student Will Not Participate in the Spring Recital**

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Instructor's name (PRINT)      Instrument/Program      e-mail address

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# of Additional Tickets \$7.00ea.      HOLD MY TICKETS FOR PICKUP AT THE CONCERT? (YES/NO)

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Student's Name (PRINT)      age      yrs of exp.      Signature Parent/Guardian      DATE