

## **CAPMT District VIII Recital Guidelines & Policies**

*CAPMT8 recitals are only for students of CAPMT8 members in good standing.  
If a student is from a music school or academy, his/her teacher must be member of CAPMT8.  
Teachers are responsible for giving each student registered in a CAPMT8 recital a copy of these guidelines, and ensure the students and their families have read and understood.*

### **ARRIVAL**

- Students must be at the venue at least 15 minutes before the recital begins. This allows time for the student to get settled in a relaxing manner and for the chairperson to seat them properly.
- Any student arriving late may possibly not be allowed to perform. Do not risk it.

### **GENERAL ETIQUETTE**

- Photos may be taken *before* or *after* the recital, NOT *during* the recital – this is distracting for both performers and audience.
- Videotaping is allowed during the recital if done discreetly and quietly.
- Turn off all electronic devices (beeping watches, cell phones, pagers, etc.) that could make any distracting sounds.
- All performers age 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Students, parents and guests are expected to remain for the entire recital - the audience should be courteous and respectful to all performers. Performances will be kept at around an hour in length.
- Remove crying babies and fussy small children immediately as a courtesy to everyone.

### **STUDENT ETIQUETTE**

- No gum or candy chewing at any time.
- Walk to and from the performing area with poise – not too fast/not too slow.
- Acknowledge the audience – smile and bow before/after performance. This shows you appreciate their attention.
- Take time before you start playing. For piano students – make sure you adjust the bench and sit properly.
- Your appearance is just as important as your performance. When you dress properly, you show respect to your audience. Remember the audience is there to hear to you perform, and their time and attention to you deserve the same courtesy.

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

- Semi-formal attire for both boy and girls.
- Girls should wear a dress/skirt that falls below the knee or longer, or dressy slacks and dress shoes. Blouses and dresses should be age-appropriate. No revealing cuts. No miniskirts.
- Boys should wear a dress shirt and dress pants, preferably with coat and tie, and dress shoes. Shirts should be tucked in.
- Appearance should be neat and in no way detract from the performance.
- Hair should be neat and out of the face (use clips, bands, etc. if necessary).
- No excessive jewelry (e.g. bracelets and rings) or loose long sleeves that may interfere with the performance.
- Inappropriate attire includes tennis shoes, t-shirts, denim of any kind, hoodies, sweatpants, shorts, flip-flops.
- For piano students – dress shoes should not hamper pedaling (e.g. platform shoes, excessively high heels, any shoes with thick soles)