MSMTA Spring Festival: Strings Plus 2027 (Pre-recorded)
Chamber music competition featuring any instrumentation involving one or more stringed instruments

Chairperson: Yee-Ning Soong (ningsy23@gmail.com; 443.718.9451)
Event Date/Video deadline: Saturday, April 24, 2027, 23:59. Must be uploaded to YouTube (mark video privacy setting to "Unlisted"). Send links via e-mail to chairperson. *The judge will give results and critiques over the following week.*
Application and Cheque deadline: *Saturday, April 03, 2027 23:59.* *Application forms should be filled out and **emailed** by the registering ENSEMBLE COACH ONLY. Please send one check for all student registrants, made payable to MSMTA within two days of emailed registration at the e-mail address listed above. The YouTube link is not needed until the video deadline date.*
Location: Virtual/Pre-recorded
Fee: $24.00 per ensemble, regardless of number of performers in that ensemble.
Entering teacher/coach should send one check for all entries, made payable to MSMTA, to:
Yee-Ning Soong, 429 Ayrlawn Drive, Millersville, MD 21108
Repertoire and Instrumentation: any amount of pieces or movements, totalling no longer than 10 total minutes of runtime, featuring any combination of two or more performers, which must include at least one stringed instrument. This could be 6 violins; violin and piano; double bass and 5 pianos; cello and violin; guitar and voice, etc.... Students may enter multiple ensembles HOWEVER the ensembles must be in differing partner arrangements/combinations. Transcriptions and arrangements are welcome. Questions on literature should be sent to the chairpersons.
Levels: Divisions are created by average age of the ensemble, and then grouped generally into elementary, middle, and high school divisions. If any division has less than six ensembles, the event may be cancelled and registration refunded.
Awards: Each ensemble will receive a critique, emailed to the coach. First, second, third place, and Honorable Mention winners (when awarded) receive ribbons.

Feel free to copy/paste the following table as an example of registration format (two ensembles in a studio are given as example). Please use a spreadsheet:

Registration for MSMTA Strings Plus 2027
****Please also include pdf attachments of your students' music scores (one score per file). If it is on IMSLP, please download the version you are using and attach.****
Teacher/Coach Name(s):
Mailing address (needed to receive ribbons):
Phone number:
Email address:

Student name	Date of Birth	Age	Instruments	Name of Piece	Composer	Performance Length	YouTube Link
Student A	1/18/2009	13	piano	Title, mvt. #	Composer Name	3m	
Student B	2/17/2008	14	harp				
Student A	1/18/2009	13	piano	Title, mvt. #	Composer Name	5m	
Student B	2/17/2008	14	cello				
Student C	3/16/2008	14	violin				

In sending this information to the chairperson, I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules governing MSMTA events and this specific event and agree to abide by them. My students and/or parents have also been apprised of the rules.

Rules and Regulations:
1. All members of the ensemble must be K-12, or all post-high school students.
2. Ensembles may enter competitively for the chance at winning an award or noncompetitively for a rating.
3. Students may be part of multiple ensembles.
4. In competitive events, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention may be awarded. Judges are encouraged to place 50%+ of the program.
5. Judges' comments of each ensemble's performance will be sent to the coach.