

# Southwestern Youth Music Festival



## SYMF Newsletter • February 2019

The Southwestern Youth Music Festival (SYMF), a 501c3 non-profit organization, is a music competition in Southern California that is offered once a year and runs two weekends (five days) in the summer, usually in mid-to-late July and/or early August.

There are categories for piano, strings (violin, viola, cello), and winds (flute, clarinet). Categories include opportunities for students to perform solo works, duets, ensemble repertoire, and concerto literature. Many categories accommodate the age and level of the student.

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### Membership Dues

**Dear Teacher,**

**Happy New Year!**

The SYMF is starting its 2019 membership drive and we would love to have your students participate in this summer's competition!

#### 2019 Membership Application Forms

- **Teachers who had a paid membership last year pay a Current Membership Fee of \$80.** The deadline for paying your membership fee without a \$10 late fee is May 1. [Please check your email for a link to the 2019 SYMF Current Member Application & Payment Form.](#)
- **New Members or Reinstating Members who let their membership lapse for a year pay a Membership Fee of \$90.** The deadline for paying your membership fee without a \$10 late fee is May 1. To apply or reinstate now, please click [here](#).

#### Electronic Payments

All membership dues, donations, and advertising are now payable online via Paypal or credit card. Payment for student entry fees will still be by check for 2019. Click on the link above to enter pay for your membership and update your contact information.

## Advertising in the SYMF Program Booklet • Donations

For accounting purposes, we have separated membership fees, advertising, and donations into separate submission forms.

- To place an advertisement in the SYMF Program Booklet, please click [here](#).
- SYMF is a 501c3 non-profit organization; all donations are sincerely appreciated. To make your tax-deductible contribution, please click [here](#).

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## SYMF Dates and Deadlines

**The 57th Southwestern Youth Music Festival  
July 20–21, 2019 (SAT–SUN) & July 27–29, 2019 (SAT–MON)**

**Bob Cole Conservatory of Music  
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)**

- **February:** Membership opens for the 2019 SYMF
- **April:** Members receive student registration information by email
- **May 1:** Last day to pay for membership without a \$10 late fee
- **May 15:** Last day to enter and pay for student entries (postmarked) without a \$10 late fee per entry
- **May 22:** Last day for late entries and payment (postmarked) with a \$10 late fee per entry
- **Mid June:** Members receive student auditions schedule by email

**The last day to enter students without a late fee is May 15.**

**The absolute last day to enter students  
(with an additional LATE FEE of \$10 per entry) is May 22.**

## Festival News

### Bylaws Revision

The SYMF Board would like to revise Article IV, Section 4. Election, of our Bylaws so that members may vote electronically, thereby saving postage, printing costs and time. All 2019 members will receive, by standard mail, a ballot to vote for this change. The ballot will be sent to members after the Festival completes this year.

### Warm-Up Rooms

The Bob Cole Conservatory is hesitant to allow the use of their warm up rooms to outside organizations but has graciously allowed SYMF the use of them again this year. We would ask that everyone be respectful of the school's property and be courteous to the Room Captains monitoring the warm up rooms. The use of warm up rooms is a privilege and this privilege may be suspended at any time without notice.

### SYMF Materials

The Rules & Regulations booklet was last updated in 11/2016. This is the latest revision and must be used for the 2019 SYMF. Download your copy [here](#).

Maximum ages for categories have been changed to 19 years old. These are also noted in the piano and flute qualified repertoire lists and are the only revisions to these materials.

### **Announcements**

Please visit [www.symf.org](http://www.symf.org) in the coming months, where we will post important information for the Festival. You can also find us on [Facebook!](#)

We hope to hear your students in July!

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