FWMTA THEORY TEST 2023-2024

Student Affiliate Event

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Test Dates: Fall: Saturday, November 4th, 9:30-12:00

Make up: Thursday, November 9th, 4:30-7:00

Spring: Saturday, February 3rd, 9:30-12:00

Make up: Thursday, February 8th, 4:30-7:00

Registration: Fall: September 15 – October 9

Spring: December 15 – January 8

Location: Broadway Baptist Church, 305 W. Broadway Avenue, Fort Worth 76104

Fees: \$15.00 per student

Registration Information:

- 1. Complete SA Registration and School Grade Up-dates for each student. Students taking a theory test for state grading MUST be registered Student Affiliate members.
- 2. **Registration will be through the online format "simplissimo."** An email will be sent from the Theory Chair with the link and specific instructions to the "theory test event" on the simplissimo website. Each teacher will create a teacher portal in which to register students.
- 3. When registering students, the teacher must know the student's grade level as well as test level. Students may take a test on grade level or below. This must be indicated when registering.
- 4. **Registration must be in the name that students are registered with for SA.** Please check correct spelling as well.
- 5. Teachers may register students all at once or little by little until the last day of registration.
- 6. **Payment must be made through the simplissimo website via credit or debit card.** The total payment will not be deducted from the teacher's card until the day AFTER registration closes.
- 7. **Registration deadlines must be met!** No late registrations can be accepted due to the closing of the form on simplissimo.
- 8. **Registration exception:** If a teacher is not comfortable using an online payment method, please contact the Theory Chair ASAP for an alternate registration and payment method.

Testing Information:

- 1. Teachers registering students for testing are required to help administer tests. Assignment of testing level is arranged by the Theory Test Committee after receipt of registration forms.
- 2. If a teacher is unable to attend the test to help administer, a studio parent can be asked to substitute.
- 3. A teacher signing up student for both fall and spring tests must help at both tests.
- 4. Teachers are not allowed to administer tests to his/her own group of students.
- 5. **Ear training** examples will be given by a separate teacher using **recordings made by the state** for use during the testing.
- 6. Blank staff paper and keyboard pictures are provided for students during testing.
- 7. Students should bring 2 pencils and a clipboard the day of testing. Pen is not allowed. Not all rooms have desks or tables.
- 8. Make-up tests will be given to students with legitimate schedule conflicts or sudden illness.
- 9. Theory concepts covered in the TMTA-SA theory tests are outlined by levels in the Theory Syllabus published by Texas Music Teachers Association. Student glossaries and dictionaries are also available.
- 10. The tests from previous years are also located online for use as practice tests by the teachers.
- 11. Listening examples are also available online for teachers to use as practice.
- 12. Please be aware that the grading and returning of tests takes several weeks.
- 13. Medals: On grade level = 90-93=Bronze / 94-97=Silver / 98-101=Gold
 Below grade level = 90-101=Theory Achievement
 All medals from fall and spring testing will be given to the teachers after the spring tests.
- 14. **Certificates** are located on the TMTA website to be printed by teachers. There are certificates for grade level completion, achievement completion, and division completion.

Test Returning Information:

Teachers must pick up graded tests at SWBTS. You are welcome to work together with other teachers to pick up and deliver tests for each other. Due to the varying timeframe when tests will be returned from the state to the theory director, the exact dates for pick up are TBD. A weeks' timeframe will be announced for pick up at SWBTS.

Medals for both the fall and spring tests are awarded together in May. Pick up will be available at the spring FWMTA Solo Festival at TWU. If you are unable to pick them up there, they can be picked up at SWBTS the week after Solo Festival.

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