

RULES AND REGULATIONS

STEEL DRUM BANDS

CLASSIFICATION

Steel Drum Bands will be classified as follows:

Elementary School

Middle School

High School

Open Class – mix of grade levels and/or second group from one school

Schools may enter more than one steel drum band, but not in the same class. The second band would be an open class.

ADJUDICATION

Three (3) adjudicators will provide both taped and written evaluations of each performance.

Warm-up Selections. A warm-up selection may be performed before adjudication begins.

Prepared Selections. Steel Drum Bands must perform a minimum of **two (2) selections** of the director's choice for adjudication. We encourage directors to select literature which is of the appropriate grade level for the performing group.

CLINICS

A very valuable and important feature of the **MUSIC USA FESTIVALS** adjudication program is our mini-clinic which is provided to each performing group by one of the adjudicators immediately upon conclusion of the group's performance providing there is enough time. The purpose of this clinic is to provide the adjudicator with an opportunity to discuss and rehearse the group on any areas of weakness that were observed and to reinforce the strengths of the group. This is a positive learning experience. If you decide you do not want this clinic, please inform the festival guide when you arrive to check in.

AWARDS

Groups may enter for rating only or competition.

Rating only. Adjudication forms, taped comments, and rating of Superior, Excellent, or Good with appropriate trophy.

Competition. Adjudication forms, taped comments, rating of Superior, Excellent, or Good, and numerical placement in their class with appropriate trophy.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Performance Time Limit at Universal Orlando

Warm-up and performance times are different when performing at Universal Orlando. The maximum time for all steel drum bands is forty-five (45) minutes. This includes set up/warm-up, performance, clinic, and breakdown.

Three (3) original conductor's scores with measures numbered must be provided for each selection performed.

Each school must supply a set-up crew to rearrange stands and steel drums prior to that group's performance.

MUSIC USA FESTIVALS will provide 20 music stands, 2 sets of cello drums, 1 set of bass drums, and program announcer. Schools must supply their own mallets and other needed equipment not listed above. This year Tropical Hammer will provide a drum set for festival use. Schools must supply their own drumsticks.