

Southern Star Music Festival
Atlanta, Georgia
2017 Participant Information Packet

Please read over all of the information contained in this package. For groups using a travel agent, be sure that the appropriate information in this package is available to both the directors and travel agents. This information is always available on the website at the home page. The schedules of dates, times and judges are only posted on the website and is subject to change.

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Contact Information

www.starmusicfestivals.com

Mobile - (678) 361-7108

or e-mail info@starmusicfestivals.com

Mailing Address: *Southern Star Music Festival*

635 Sunset Drive
Norcross, GA 30071

Premium Package is just \$75* PP and includes:

Performance at the beautiful Riverside EpiCenter Auditorium Located less than a mile from the front gate of Six Flags Over Georgia

- **Two-day Adult Admission Ticket to "Six Flags Over Georgia."** We encourage you to use the first day of your two-day pass on the Saturday of your performance weekend to attend the Awards Celebration at 7 pm. The second ticket can be used anytime during the 2017 season.
- **One Meal Deal that is good at 16 restaurants in Six Flags to use anytime**
- **One FREE Director's Package Per School**
- **One FREE Package for Each 25 Purchased**
- **Southern Star T-Shirt with each package**
- **Adjudication by outstanding Music Educators**
- **Riverside EpiCenter - 600 seat auditorium**
- **Recording of your performance (one per group)**
- **Unique Trophy for each group**
- **Sweepstakes Trophies for Division winners and Grand Champion Trophy for highest scoring group each weekend**
- **Awards Celebration held at Axis Arena near Batman (Entrance requires an admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia)**

NOTE: Payment in full for the packages must be postmarked 45 days prior to the performance day to avoid a late fee of \$5.00 per package.

Premium Chaperone, Parent, or Non-Participating Student Package: \$65 pp

- Includes a **Two-day Adult Admission Ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia** and one Meal Deal
- **Southern Star T-Shirt with each package**

See page 5 for all festival package options

** Registration Fee: \$100 per group is due at the time of registration and scheduling. This can be paid by check or charged on the website and is non-refundable. Fee can be paid by credit card.*

Make this year's
Southern Star Music Festival
a lasting memory...

Show your group pride and unity by wearing the T-shirt to the Awards Celebration!



They are available in youth large and adult sizes - small, medium, large, extra large, 2XL and 3XL. They are provided in the Premium Package and can be picked up at the registration desk at your performance site.

Additional shirts will be available on site for \$15 each but supplies are limited.

2017 Southern Star Music Festival

Festival Package Order Form (page 1)

Full or Partial Payment should be made by Due Date to avoid late fees!

All Package prices will increase by \$5.00 per person for orders received after the post-mark date and are subject to cancelation. If you send a partial order (minimum 25) on time, you can purchase additional packages on site without a Late Fee. Packages are refundable.

Dates for 2017

March 18-19

March 24-25

March 31- April 1

April 7-8

April 21-22

April 28-29

May 5-6

May 12-13

Payment Deadline

February 2

February 9

February 16

February 23

March 9

March 16

March 23

March 30

All participating students must purchase a Festival Package, the Six Flags Over Georgia Season Pass Holder Package or a Festival Only package. Students purchasing the Six Flags Season Pass Holder Package must have a valid Six Flags Over Georgia Season Pass. A special pricing is available for chaperones and non-participating students. (See Order Form on page 5) Make your check payable to the *Southern Star* and mail to: 635 Sunset Drive, Norcross, GA 30071. You have an option to pay at least \$1000 as a partial payment to avoid late fees.

Amount _____ Check Number _____ Is this a partial payment? _____

Pay online at: <https://squareup.com/market/musical-endeavors-inc>

School: _____ Performance Date _____

Contact: _____ Mobile Phone Number: _____

Are you a travel agent (Check one)? Yes _____ No _____

Choral _____ Instrumental _____ (Check one or both)

Note: We will hold packages on site at the registration desk unless you check the blank below:

_____ Please send the tickets 10 days in advance. You must include \$50 fee for postage and insurance as indicated on the next page.

Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

School or Travel Company: _____

Street: (NO Post Office Boxes) _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Contact: Bucky Johnson 678-361-7108 or bucky.johnson@comcast.net

www.starmusicfestivals.com

2017 Package Order Form (page 2)

You may combine packages in any way you wish.

Minimum of 20 students per Performing Group

Type of Package	Quantity	Price	Totals
A. Free Director's Package	1		
B. Premium Performer Festival Package			
Two Six Flags Tickets, Meal Deal, Festival Adjudication and a Festival T-Shirt (specify sizes with order)		\$75.00 Each	
One Free Premium Package for each 25 Premium Performer Packages Purchased		ONE FREE per 25	
C. Chaperone or Non-Performing Student Premium Package			
Two Six Flags Tickets, Meal Deal & Festival T-Shirt (specify sizes)		\$63.00 Each	
D. Basic Performer Festival Package			
Two Six Flags Tickets, Meal Deal & Adjudication		\$65.00 Each	
E. Chaperones or Non-Performing Basic Student Package			
Two Six Flags Tickets & Meal Deal		\$55.00 Each	
F. Season Pass Holders			
Premium - Includes Festival Participation, Meal Deal and a Festival T-shirt		\$57.00 each	
Basic - Includes Festival Participation and a Meal Ticket		\$47.00 each	
G. Other			
Additional Meal Deals		\$13.25 each	
Festival Participation Only (no park admission, meal deal or t-shirt)		\$33.00 each	
Optional Processing Fee for mailing& insurance		\$50.00	
Late Fee for each package purchased after deadline (see page 1 of Package Order)		\$5.00 for each paid package	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED			

*T-shirt Order due with order (Premium Packages Only)

(___ Youth Lg) (___ Small) (___ Medium) (___ Large) (___ XL) (___ 2XL) (___ 3XL)

Total Shirts _____ (including Director) Name of Group _____

Southern Star Music Festival + the Garden!



We are pleased to offer participants of the Southern Star Musical Festival a variety of options for your group:

King Rooms with Sofa Sleepers \$79.00 or \$89.00 with Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Double Queen Rooms \$89.00 or \$99.00 with Deluxe Continental Breakfast

Maximum Occupancy is 4 guests per room

12% Tax + \$5 GA State Hotel Fee per room night

Complimentary Overnight Bus & Self-Parking

Indoor Heated Swimming Pool, Fitness Center, Business Center, Lobby Restaurant & Bar

For Availability Contact:

Shanta' Hayes-Johnson, Sales Manager

404.504.0431 (direct) • Shanta.Hayes2@Hilton.com

www.AtlantaPerimeter.HGI.com

1501 Lake Hearn Dr. Atlanta, GA 30319

Southern Star Music Festival

General Information

Open to Senior High, Middle/Junior High School and Elementary Instrumental and Choral Groups
Each group can select to enter for: *Competition & Rating – Rating Only – Comments Only*

Minimum number is 20 per performing group.

Instrumental Division Competition Categories

1. Senior High School Band (concert/symphonic, wind ensemble)
2. Middle/Junior High School Band (concert/symphonic, wind ensemble)
3. Orchestra (Senior High, Middle/Junior High Schools)
4. Jazz Band (Senior High, Middle/Junior High Schools)

Choral Division Competition Categories

1. Senior High School Choir (chamber, madrigal, concert, men's & women's ensembles)
2. Middle/Junior High School Choir (chamber, madrigal, concert, men's & women's ensembles)
3. Jazz/Show Choir (Senior High, Middle/Junior High Schools)

Equipment

Choral groups: There will be sound shells in place behind the risers. Five choral risers, a tuned grand piano, and two music stands will be provided. A microphone will be on stage for announcements. Playback equipment is available for those who require CD accompaniment.

Note for Jazz/Show Choirs: Choral risers and sound shells will stay in place at all times. Groups must adapt to the performance space. A PA system with up to five microphones will be available for Jazz/Show Choirs.

Instrumental groups: Four timpani, marimba, chimes, xylophone, vibraphone, concert bass drum and stand, podium, and music stands will be provided. **(No Bells, Drum Set or other percussion is provided).**

Music Requirements

For adjudication in the **Instrumental or Choral Divisions**, there is not a required music list. However, school groups should choose literature appropriate for an educational festival. Please select two or three pieces. Jazz/Show Choirs should limit performance time to a maximum of **15 minutes**.

On-Stage Clinic

If you choose, an on-stage clinic can be given by one of the judges immediately following your group's performance. The session (not to exceed ten minutes) will provide a more personal touch to the Festival and allow the judge to share his/her expertise about a particular musical discipline. You will let us know when you check-in at the registration desk on the day of the festival if you want to take advantage of the clinic experience. We reserve the right to cancel the clinic if the performance schedule is running behind.

RIVERSIDE EPICENTER



EPIC Fun Package: \$15 Per Person includes:

- **Unlimited** access into The Cave (Game Room)
- Unlimited access to The Rock (Climbing wall)
- **One Hour of EPIC Bowling**



Contact us at:

678-903-5480 or info@riversideepicenter.com

135 Riverside Pkwy

Austell, Ga. 30168

www.riversideepicenter.com

Also enjoy these restaurants onsite:

600 Degrees Pizza

Icy Byrd Frozen Yogurt

Internet Café

PHYTO (Organic Smoothies)

Subway

Atlanta Area Attractions

Georgia Aquarium (*one of the largest aquariums in the world*)

www.georgiaaquarium.org

Atlanta Braves

<http://atlanta.braves.mlb.com>

Stone Mountain Park (*Free Laser Show each night – check schedule*)

www.stonemountainpark.com

Medieval Times

<http://www.medievaltimes.com/atlanta.aspx>

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus (*Group ticket prices available*)

<http://www.atlantasymphony.org/>

Fox Theater (*Broadway Shows and Concerts*)

www.foxtheatre.org

Alliance Theater

www.alliancetheatre.org

CNN Center Tour

www.cnn.com/tour/

Centennial Olympic Park (*near CNN, World of Coca-Cola & King Center*)

www.centennialpark.com

The King Center

www.thekingcenter.org

World of Coca-Cola

www.woccatlanta.com

Zoo Atlanta and Cyclorama

www.zooatlanta.org

US Play (*Cosmic Bowling, video games & food near Towne Center Mall*)

www.usplay.com

Fernbank Museum IMAX

www.fernbank.edu/MUSEUM/imaxmenu.html

The Varsity (*unique Atlanta fast food – 4 locations*)

www.thevarsity.com

Cumberland Mall (*Between the performance site and Six Flags*)

www.cumberlandmall.com

Perimeter Mall (*Near the performance site*)

<http://www.perimetermall.com/>

Hard Rock Café

Call 404-688-ROCK

ESPN Zone Atlanta

www.espnzone.com/atlanta/

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Important Tips

- The Director should arrive at the Festival Site a minimum of one (1) hour prior to your performance time.
- The Director should check-in at the registration desk upon arrival. (Instrumental groups should leave cases on the bus.)
- Bring three original scores of each piece to be performed for the judges.
- Warm-up times are *20-25 minutes prior* to your scheduled performance time.
- We encourage you to come early and stay late to listen to other groups perform.
- The on-stage clinic, if you select this at the registration desk, will be given by one of the adjudicators immediately following your group's performance if time permits. This will provide a unique personal touch to your group's festival experience and allow a judge to share his/her expertise about a particular musical aspect.
- Additional Packages and a limited number of t-shirts are available at the registration desk for purchase.
- Package Order Forms are due 45 days prior to your performance date.

The Awards Celebration is held at the Axis Arena at Six Flags Over Georgia near Batman the ride on each Saturday at 7:00 pm. The celebration is held rain or shine but is canceled in the event of dangerous weather conditions.

Six Flags Over Georgia is rarely open to the public on Fridays. You can check schedules at:
www.sixflags.com/parks/overgeorgia/index.asp

Park hours during the Festival and dates are subject to change:
The park is generally CLOSED on Fridays
Saturdays, 10 AM to 9 PM in general
Sundays, 10:30 AM to 8 PM in general

All Choral and Instrumental adjudications will be held in the Auditorium of the Riverside EpiCenter (678-903-5480) located near Six Flags Over Georgia at the Riverside Pkwy Exit of I-20 West (exit south toward Six Flags)

135 Riverside Parkway, Austell, GA 30168

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CHORAL DIVISION

Sponsored by: Six Flags Over Georgia

Information for: CONCERT CHOIR, TREBLE CHOIR, MALE CHORUS, CHAMBER CHOIR, MADRIGAL CHOIR AND JAZZ/SHOW CHOIR

1. The festival is open to Elementary, Middle School, Junior High, and Senior High School groups with a **minimum of 20 performers.**
 2. Groups may enter for Comments Only, Rating Only or Competition/Rating and may elect to participate in a mini-clinic on stage immediately after the performance. Groups that enter for Competition/Rating and will be considered for the Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy provided a minimum of two groups choose to enter for competition in their division. (3 Divisions: Middle School/Junior High Choir, Senior High Choir & Jazz/Show Choir)
 3. There is no required music list, however, groups are encouraged to select music of the highest quality. It is advisable to choose selections comparable to those found on state or national lists. The director must provide original scores (no photo copies allowed unless authorized by the publisher) of each selection labeled with the name of the school and with measures numbered.
 4. **Groups will perform two or three works not to exceed a performance time of fifteen minutes.** Groups will be scheduled in twenty or twenty-five minute blocks to allow for the optional clinic session. There will be twenty minutes available for warm-up.
 5. Groups should arrive one hour prior to performance time in their concert attire approximately 20 minutes before warm-up. The Director should check-in at the Registration table upon arrival.
 6. The performances will be adjudicated by three experienced judges. Each judge will provide a numerical assessment and recorded comments on a CD. Groups will receive a rating based on the following scale: GOLD (90-100), SILVER (75-89), BRONZE (60-74), and BLUE (45-59). The composite rating would be determined as follows:
GOLD STANDARD (G) GGG GGS GGB
SILVER STANDARD (S) GSS GSBr SSB SSS
BRONZE STANDARD (Br) GBrBr SBrBr BrBrBr SBrBl BrBrBl
BLUE STANDARD (Bl) SBIBl BrBIBl BIBIBl
- One *Southern Star Music Sweepstakes Trophy* will be awarded to the group in each of the three divisions (Middle School/Junior High Choir, Senior High Choir & Jazz/Show Choir) entered for competition that received the highest numerical score in the GOLD STANDARD category. One *Championship Trophy* will be awarded to the group receiving the highest numerical among all participants each weekend regardless of Choral or Instrumental divisions.
7. Each group will receive a specially designed trophy to commemorate its level of achievement. **All trophies will be presented at the Saturday night Awards Ceremony held at the Axis Arena at 7:00 p.m.** All festival participants should plan to attend this special event. Adjudicator packets will be distributed at this time. If you are unable to attend the Celebration, please indicate that on the form that you fill out at the check-in desk.
 8. Equipment provided for Choral Groups: two music stands, five three-step choral risers, sound shells and a tuned acoustic piano. One microphone will be on stage for announcements. Playback equipment is available for participants who require taped or CD accompaniment.
Note for Jazz/Show Choirs: Groups must adapt to the performance space that includes choral risers. A PA system with up to five microphones will be available for Jazz/Show Choirs.
 9. Dates, locations, adjudicators and maps are available on the website.

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Choral Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 15 POINTS Beauty () Vitality () Support () Placement () Resonance () Focus ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Accuracy () Intonation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Precision () Rhythmic Energy () Attacks () Releases ()	
ENSEMBLE: 15 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
DICTION: 15 POINTS Communication () Vowels/Purity () Consonants/Clarity () Uniformity () Syllable Inflection () Foreign Language ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression () Articulation ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

Signature of Adjudicator: _____

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Jazz/Show Choir Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 15 POINTS Beauty () Vitality () Support () Placement () Resonance () Focus ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Accuracy () Intonation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Precision () Rhythmic Energy () Attacks () Releases ()	
ENSEMBLE: 15 POINTS Vocal Balance () Sectional Blend () Accompaniment Balance () Overall Blend ()	
DICTION: 10 POINTS Communication () Vowels/Purity () Consonants/Clarity () Syllable Inflection ()	
INTERPRETATION: 10 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression () Articulation ()	
CHOREOGRAPHY/STAGING: 10 POINTS Creativity () Appropriateness () Precision ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Audience Appeal ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

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INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

Sponsored by: Six Flags Over Georgia

Information for: CONCERT BANDS, SYMPHONIC BANDS, WIND ENSEMBLES, JAZZ BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS

1. The festival is open to Elementary, Middle School, Junior High, and Senior High School groups with a **minimum of 20 performers** (except for jazz bands).
2. Groups may enter for Comments Only, Rating Only or Competition/Rating and may elect to participate in a mini-clinic on stage immediately after the performance. Groups that enter for Competition/Rating and will be considered for the Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy provided a minimum of two groups choose to enter for competition in their division. (4 Divisions: Middle School/Junior High Band, Senior High Band, Orchestra & Jazz Band)
3. There is no required music list, however, groups are encouraged to select music of the highest quality. It is advisable to choose selections comparable to those found on state or national lists. The director must provide original scores (no photo copies allowed unless authorized by the publisher) of each selection labeled with the name of the school and with measures numbered
4. **Groups will perform two or three works not to exceed a performance time of twenty minutes.** Groups will be scheduled in twenty-five to thirty-minute blocks to allow for the optional clinic session. There will be twenty minutes available for warm-up.
5. Groups should arrive twenty minutes prior to warm-up in their concert attire and the Director should check in at the Registration table upon arrival.
6. The performances will be adjudicated by three experienced judges. Each judge will provide a numerical assessment and recorded comments on CD. Groups will receive a rating based on the following scale: GOLD (90-100), SILVER (75-89), BRONZE (60-74), and BLUE (45-59). The composite rating would be determined as follows:
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BLUE STANDARD (Bl) SBIBl BrBIBl BIBIBl
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7. Each group will receive a specially designed trophy to commemorate its level of achievement. **All trophies will be presented at the Saturday night Awards Ceremony held at the Axis Arena at 7:00 p.m.** All festival participants should plan to attend this special event. Adjudicator packets will be distributed at this time. If you are unable to attend the Celebration, please indicate that at registration.
8. Equipment provided: podium, chairs, stands, four timpani, marimba, chimes, xylophone, vibes and concert bass drum with stand and a tuned acoustic piano.
9. Dates, locations, adjudicators and maps are available at the website.

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Instrumental Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 20 POINTS Beauty () Support () Control ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Note Accuracy () Intonation ()	
TECHNIQUE: 15 POINTS Key signatures () Facility () Articulation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Note Values () Precision ()	
ENSEMBLE: 10 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Response to the Director () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Jazz Band Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 15 POINTS Beauty () Support () Control ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Note Accuracy () Intonation ()	
TECHNIQUE/RHYTHM: 20 POINTS Key signatures () Facility () Articulation () Note Values () Precision ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression ()	
ENSEMBLE: 10 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
IMPROVIZATION: 10 POINTS Appropriate style () Creativity () Staging/Balance ()	
OTHER: 15 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

Division:

Rating:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Orchestra Adjudication

Selections: 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 20 POINTS Beauty () Support () Control ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Note Accuracy () Intonation ()	
TECHNIQUE: 15 POINTS Key signatures () Facility () Articulation () Bowing ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Note Values () Precision ()	
ENSEMBLE: 10 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Response to the Director () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

Southern Star Music Festival

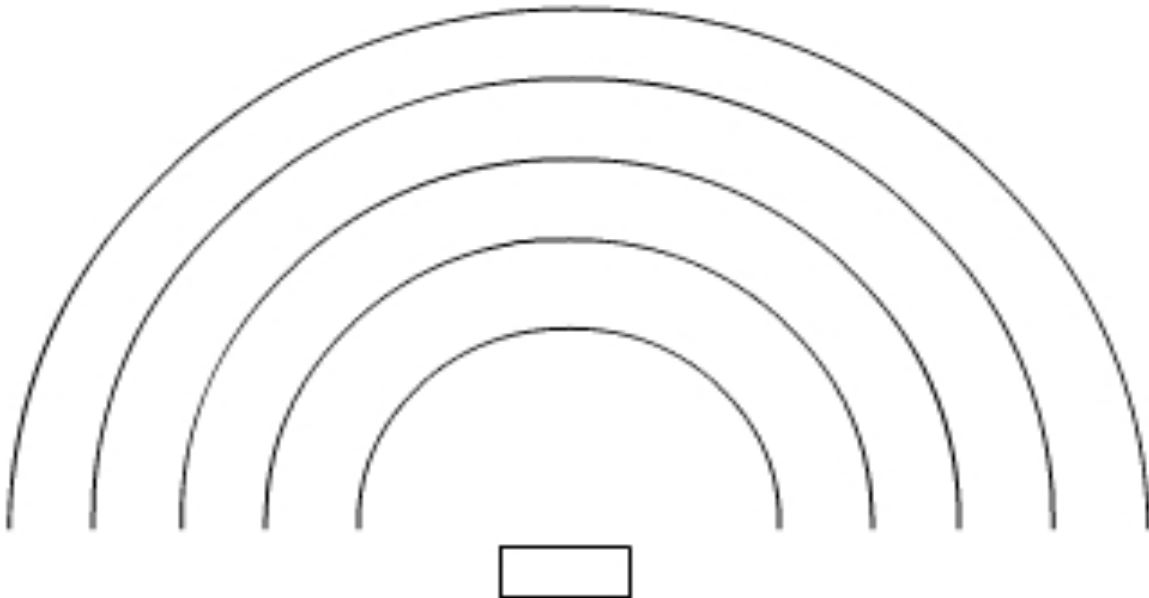
Instrumental Stage Plot

Please return with Festival Package Order Form

Name of performing group: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Director: _____



Total Number of chairs: _____

Total number of Stands: _____

All bands will be arranged in a semi-circle formation. Please diagram your seating arrangement, location of all percussion, and placement of podium and/or other equipment.

Please use **X** for each chair and **•** for each music stand.

Indicate the number of chairs and stands per row:

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5
Chairs (X):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stands (•):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____