

## PARENT GUIDE



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

We invite and gladly welcome all students, instrumentalists and vocalists, from beginner through advanced, old and young, to share their love of music by taking part in the **Hannah Young Play-a-Thon**. This annual event is the primary fund raising vehicle of the Lehigh Valley Chapter-PMTA, a professional organization of music educators. Proceeds provide generous scholarships to selected college music majors and music camp scholarships for high school applicants. Also supported are the Achievement Awards Auditions, Dorothy Sutton Music Festival, annual recitals at local colleges and Musikfest, master classes, lectures and workshops for teachers and students, and group discount tickets and bus trips to performances in the Valley and beyond. Play-a-Thon participants are eligible for discounts on Lehigh Valley Chapter field trips and also to apply for the scholarships.

To participate, we ask each student to collect cash pledges from family, friends, and neighbors using the Pledge Form supplied by the teacher. Each teacher chooses a performance time for his/her studio on either or both Saturday, February 25 from 10 AM to 8 PM or Sunday February 26 from 12 PM to 4 PM and is assigned to one of three performance locations in the mall. Each location is equipped with a grand piano.

Both popular and/or classical selections may be performed. Ensemble playing is greatly encouraged and memorization is not required. Performers should dress appropriately for performance with sensible shoes for pedaling and/or for singing.

Upon arrival at the Mall, register at the PLAY-A-THON REGISTRATION DESK located in the main entrance. Present the Pledge Sheet and the donations received (cash or check payable to LVC-PMTA). The Pledge Sheet will be stamped, the amount recorded and, if requested, a receipt given. The student's name will be checked against the studio list, a "goodie bag" distributed and directions to the assigned performance site given. To help cover our operating expenses for the event, we are requesting a minimum pledge of \$15.00 per student, with a minimum pledge of \$30.00 from families with multiple students. This is our only means of raising important operating funds so please encourage donors to be generous.

Visa Gift Cards in the amounts of \$50 will be awarded to the TOP THREE student fund raisers. Additional prizes from the Palmer Park Mall and Young's Music Store, if available, may also be given to other top fund raisers.

Note to prospective Frank Chesebro Scholarship applicants and their teachers - the Play-a-Thon participation requirement has been eliminated for scholarship applicants by Board decision, but we hope those considering applying for the scholarship will support the Play-a-Thon and other LVC-PMTA events.

Thank you for your help and support. Your participation is vital in making this year's Play-a-Thon another great success!

Sincerely yours,

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