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THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY IF YOU ARE CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE SEMI-FINALISTS IN EITHER THE VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL CATEGORIES

SEMI-FINALIST INSTRUCTIONS:

Welcome to the live performance round of auditions for the GMBS music scholarship competition. We are excited that you are coming to Clarinda, Iowa for the Instrumental competition on Thursday, **June 6th**, 2024 at 8:15 a.m. The vocal competition begins on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. to be held at the Clarinda High School auditorium. You will need to arrive early enough on Wednesday, **June 5th** to have time to practice with your accompanist.

Travel Arrangements: You need to make your travel arrangements so that you arrive in Clarinda or Kansas City, MO airport **early** Wednesday **June 5th, 2024**. If you are traveling by yourself, we will provide transportation from the Airport to Clarinda between Noon and 3:00 PM on Wednesday **June 5th**, 2024, so be sure to plan your itinerary around these times. We will have our transportation person meet you at the airport. Once your reservations are made, please email Shari with your itinerary at shari@glenmiller.org.

Music & Accompanist:

- At least one of your selections needs to be accompanied.
- You will need to **MAIL a copy** of your music selections to the Museum by **May 24, 2024**.
- Bring your **ORIGINAL, numbered measures** to the competition for the judges.
- You will need to pay \$75.00 when you meet for practice with the accompanist.
- You will also need to pay an additional \$75.00 to the accompanist to perform with you during the competition.
- Accompanist will make arrangements with you to practice on Wednesday **June 5th, 2024**.

Wednesday Evening Meeting: There will be an informational meeting for all semi-finalists on Wednesday, **June 5th** at 7:30 PM at the Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum.

Literature: one of the most often asked questions is about literature. Many contestants think they must perform jazz. We do not require it. We want to hear contrasting styles that showcase your musical abilities.

Dress: Proper concert competition dress attire required. The scholarship competition auditions are open to the public and we usually have a large crowd. The auditorium runs cold, so dress accordingly.

Place for Competition: The competition will be held at the high school on Thursday, June 6th. There is ground floor entrance and there is a Yamaha grand piano. There will be rooms with and without a piano for practicing.

Day of Competition: All contestants will file onto the stage. You will then introduce yourself. After introductions, all performers must remain in the back hall/practice rooms. You are not permitted to sit in the audience and observe other contestants. You will need **an original measure numbered copy of your music** for the judge. The first performer will, if desired be

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allowed a brief period of time for final warmup before performing. Unlike school contests, the judge will come up on the stage after you perform and put you through site reading, scales, interview questions, etc. to further evaluate your skills. The competition does involve vocalization and site reading for the judges.

Awards: The names of the winners of the vocal auditions will be announced at the conclusion of the competition and the winners will perform on Friday.

Top Three: If you are selected as one of the top three, you will perform at the Stage Show, with the GMBS Big Band, on Friday, **June 7th**, at 9:30 in the High School auditorium. At that time, scholarship awards will be handed out, so make your travel plans with this in mind.

Stage Show Tickets: Complimentary tickets for your family and guests are available to the competition and Stage Show, let Shari know how many you will need. You will need to be at the Stage Show by 8:30 a.m on Friday, **June 7th**. If you or your family would like to watch any of the festival groups while you are in town, please see Shari as she can line you up with tickets.

Housing: If you are traveling alone, we can provide you a host home to stay, we will need to know if you are staying beyond Thursday evening to enjoy the Festival. They will provide you with breakfast and transportation to and from the high school. All other meals are at your expense. A thank-you gift for your host family is a nice idea.

Transportation back to the Airport: We will provide transportation back to airport for flights back home at the conclusion of the Stage Show. If you plan to stay for the entire weekend's Festival, let Shari know so arrangements can be made for your stay and tickets to festival events.

Thank You: It is polite to send a thank you note to your accompanist. (Contact information will be provided)

Experience in Clarinda: The Glenn Miller Museum publishes a quarterly newsletter, and we want to include the scholarship competition performers. If you are a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place winner, you will need to email Shari a short couple of paragraphs about your experience in Clarinda. **This write-up is due by June 17th, 2024.**