

**57<sup>h</sup> Annual Sonata Contest**  
**March 7, 2026 University of South Alabama**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Color Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Time: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please do not call your teacher or the Sonata Chairman to request time changes.  
We are unable to make changes after scheduling is complete.*

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**Check-In Time** Please come 15 minutes prior to scheduled performance time. Students must perform in the order in which they are pre-registered to be considered for awards. Anyone arriving late will be allowed to perform after the other contestants in his/her group and will receive the judges' evaluation. Performance and waiting rooms are color-coded. Be sure to notice your color listed above. For assistance, ask at information desk located at front entrance. Present this sheet to a check-in monitor to expedite the check-in process. Those in Levels 20, College, and Adult should bring original copies of their music with numbered measures; all others do not need music.

**Warm-Up:** Students should limit warm-up in the performance room to a cadence, scale, and/or arpeggio (approximately 15 seconds). Students who do not abide by this limitation will be disqualified.

**Criteria:** We strive to select the most qualified judges possible. Judges are given general guidelines for choosing winners, but they hold the ultimate responsibility of determining specific criteria for awards. All judges' decisions are final. Any student or parent found confronting a judge, contest committee member or MMTA member regarding a judge's decision will result in the student's ineligibility to participate in the following year's contest. Please remember that the true value of this contest is in the preparation of the music and in the performance experience, rather than in the goal of winning an award.

**Awards:** Awards will be announced approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the performances in each level. First Place winners receive trophies; Second and Third Place winners receive medallions. Honorable Mention winners receive ribbons. Each participant receives a certificate and the judges' evaluation from his/her teacher at a future lesson.

**Audience:** The performances will be a closed audition, meaning we will not have an audience present.

Thank you,

Sonata Planning Committee