

MTNA COMPETITION

New Mexico State Performance Competitions

DATE

November 7, 2026

LOCATION

Crowne Plaza Albuquerque by IHG
1901 University Blvd NE,
Albuquerque, NM 87102

STATE CHAIR

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Performance Competitions (excluding Brass and Voice) and Composition Competitions — **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.** There will be no exceptions.

About the Competition

The MTNA National Competitions are the most successful and prestigious student competitions in the country. Each year, thousands of students compete for top prizes and national recognition. The purpose of the Music Teachers National Association Performance competitions is to provide educational experiences for students and teachers and to recognize exceptionally talented young artists and their teachers in their pursuit of musical excellence.

2026–2027 Registration Timeline**Early August
OPENS**

Composition, Piano, Piano Duet, Strings and Woodwinds (all levels)

**September 1
OPENS**

Stecher & Horowitz Two Piano Competition

September 9**DEADLINE · 3:00
P.M. ET**

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**November 1
OPENS**

Chamber Music, Brass and Voice Competitions

Competition Categories**Performance** — *Junior · Senior · Young Artist*

Three-tiered competitions from state level to division to national finals at the MTNA National Conference. Includes Piano, Piano Duet (Senior only), String, Voice, Brass, and Woodwind.

Chamber Music — *String · Wind*

Preliminary video submission and live finals at the MTNA National Conference. Seven ensembles selected nationwide in both String and Wind categories. Registration opens November 1.

Composition — *Elementary · Junior · Senior · Young Artist*

Three-tiered competitions with state, division, and national finals. Winners' compositions are performed at the MTNA National Conference.

Brass & Voice Performance — *Senior · Young Artist*

Preliminary Round by video submission; Final Round live at the MTNA National Conference. Seven finalists selected from a nationwide pool. Registration opens November 1.

Awards — New Mexico's competitions are generously supported by the Joyce Walker Foundation.

How to Register

Visit mtna.org for complete rules, or register directly below. Questions for New Mexico: Tatyana Bayliyeva, abqinstituteofmusic@gmail.com.

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