



Central Florida Music Teachers' Association
2020 MUSIC PLAY-A-THON

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Dear Parents & Families,

Music teachers from all over Central Florida are getting their students ready to participate in the annual CFMTA Music Play-a-thon! This event is a wonderful opportunity for students to use their talents for a worthy cause, while at the same time have a unique performing experience. Students of all ages and instruments are welcome! On the day of the Play-a-thon, we will begin playing in the morning and continue throughout the day in a "music marathon" format. Music do not have to be memorized, but should be of performance-ready quality. Students may play classical, pop, movie, or duet music. They should of course dress nicely, as this will be a public performance!

This year, we are holding our Play-a-thon once again in the **Orlando Health's Cancer Center** in downtown Orlando. Part of the purpose of the Play-a-thon is to raise money for a charitable cause. This year, the funds raised will go towards two wonderful causes: the Cancer Support Community as well as our own CFMTA Student scholarship awards. The Cancer Support Community is a hospital run organization which provides activities, education, and other encouragement to cancer patients and their families. We are so excited to be able to give to this cause and make a small difference in the lives of these patients and their families. Our CFMTA Scholarship Awards will be given out to winners at the First Annual Sonatina & Sonata Festival in February 2020.

Students who participate in the Play-a-thon are required to contribute a minimum of \$10.00, but are strongly encouraged to raise even more! One creative way to do this is to ask family & friends to sponsor each piece they perform. Checks and cash collected should be given to your student's teacher or submitted online via the CFMTA website (www.cfmta.net). Please ask your child's teacher for more information. Pledges beyond the minimum registration are welcome right up until the day of the Play-a-thon. Thank you for encouraging your budding musician to share their talents in support of this wonderful cause!

Lydia Blakemore & Colleen Elwood
2019-2020 CFMTA Play-a-thon Chairs