

Dear Fine Arts Colleagues,

My name is Ann Guthrie and I am happy to serve as your scheduler for the 2018 GMB Arts in Education Spring Celebration. I have been a music teacher in Peoria Public Schools for twenty years, and I have also been a participant with my schools in the GMB Spring Celebration each year.

Many of us deal with scheduling problems especially due to testing dates in order to participate in the Spring Celebration. If you have a particular challenge, please let me know and I will do my best to assist you in finding the best possible date for your schools.

Performance dates begin Monday, April 16, 2018 and end on Friday, May 18. International Jazz Day is Monday, April 30, 2018. Instrumentals and Vocals are both welcome, so please plan on a 30 minute gig. Be sure to check your school calendar for any blackout days when fieldtrips cannot be scheduled. We will not be scheduling performances on Thursday, May 3, 2018, as it is the National Day of Prayer.

We welcome both music performances and art displays of pre-school and school years K-12. Even if your organization does not bring a performance group we are happy to display your student's works of art. If you have an art display, please plan on leaving your art on display for the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

We also encourage groups to enjoy buying lunches at the food cart vendors surrounding the Peoria County Courthouse. They generously support our event through a monetary donation at the end of the event every year.

We do ask that all groups adhere to some basic etiquette rules when performing and displaying. Please, walk on the sidewalks and stay out of the flower beds. Throw all trash in appropriate trash receptacles and aluminum cans in recycling bins. All of the war monuments should be respected and students are asked to keep off and not climb on them.

In case of inclement weather the alternate performance venue is Northwoods Mall on the lower level in front of Sears, which only allows for one stage. Schools may choose to opt out of going to the alternate venue, if the weather looks like it will be cold or rainy. Unfortunately, everyone will not fit at the alternate venue in the given time frame. This makes for a hard decision should we run into rainouts. Refer to the cancellation policy on the website for any further questions. Please be understanding.

Sincerely,
Ann Guthrie
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Choral Director