Make a video, get a YouTube account, upload to YouTube and then register

Our Music Festival is virtual this year! A virtual festival means **you make a video of your performance** and then **upload your video to YouTube**.   Do this **before you register on Solarislive**. This year there is an important additional field when you register. You must list the **video link (URL)** of your YouTube performance. We use that **URL** to assign your performance to one of our adjudicators. The adjudicator reviews your performance on YouTube, makes recommendations about awards and chooses performers for the virtual Highlights Concert in March. We will email you the written adjudications. .

There are FOUR simple steps for you to follow this year using your computer, tablet, or smart phone.

1. **Make your video** - most people will make their video recording with a smart phone. With recent phones, the image and audio quality are fine for adjudication. Read our "Tips for making a good video" (under Festival Information). Those tips will help you make a good recording.   At the start of your video make sure to announce your name, the title of the piece you are performing and the composer OR hold up a sheet of paper with this information printed in large block letters.

2.   (a) **Sign into YouTube** - go to www.youtube.com and click on the "sign-in"   button on the upper right. Note: since Google owns YouTube you must have a Google account to use YouTube features like uploading. If you do not have a Google account you will be prompted during sign-in to get a Google account – it is free and simple.

(b) **Create a channel** - when you sign into YouTube you will be prompted to get a channel. A channel is where you upload and play your own videos. For instructions about signing in and creating a channel go to: https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/1646861?hl=en

3. **Upload your video** - the process is easy. You can use the *YouTube Mobile app* on your cell phone. YouTube should come preinstalled on all phones. If you do not have the app download it from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android).

Look at: https://www.wikihow.com/Upload-a-Video-to-YouTube.

 During the upload process there are four important requirements for the Music Festival.

(i) *Video title and description* – when you are prompted for a video title add your name and the class number as shown in the Syllabus e.g. Sammy Smith 819.1**.** Under description add the name and the composer of the piece you are playing.

(ii) *Select* **"Unlisted"** *from the "Privacy" menu*. **"Unlisted"** means that only people to whom you give the **video link (URL)** can see your video. We will send your **video link (URL)** to the adjudicator**.** Do not choose **"public"** (anyone can see it) or **"private"** (only you can see it).

(iii) Take off the **"kids"** setting in YouTube.

(iv) **Make sure to keep a record of your video link(URL)**. Use copy and paste to get it from your YouTube page.

4. Once your video has been uploaded to YouTube, it is time to **Register on Solarislive.** Go to: https://events.solarislive.com/Kingston-Kiwanis-Music-Festival select "Register" or "Syllabus". The Syllabus has a listing of the classes that you can enter this year. *Note: due to COVID-19 not all classes will be offered this year*. If you already have an account click on "Login". *Please check that your previous registration information is correct. Make sure to provide the* **performer's** *email contact information - we need this to send information to you.*

If you do not have an account, click on "Signup". Follow the instructions. For help look at the "Set up an account and register" tutorial under "Festival Information". *If your parents or your teacher are registering for you they must add your name during registration.*

Need more help?   Email our registrar at: janice.frame@kkmfestival.com

or: leave a voice mail at: 613 316-1976

The deadline for registration is January 31, 2021.   Late registrations will not be accepted.