

# Playathon

co-sponsored by Richmond Public Library

**Saturday, February 3**

**10:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Richmond Public Library**

**101 E Franklin St, Richmond 23219**

The RMTA Playathon is an exciting musical event where our students help to raise funding for the RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship and student events. The Playathon provides an opportunity for our members and their students to perform in public and for the students to prepare for the numerous festivals and competitions in March-May. It is also a great way to expand our involvement and become more connected within the Richmond community.

**Contact:** Belle Elliott ([BelleElliott88@gmail.com](mailto:BelleElliott88@gmail.com))

## Goal

In order to perform, music students will collect pledges from family, friends, and neighbors. The pledge is to support the student that is performing and goes to help support the RMTA Collegiate Chapter Scholarship and other student events.

## Pledge Information

Prior to the event, participating students will collect a minimum pledge of \$5.00 for each person pledging. This money supports the student performing in the Playathon. Any person who pledges is welcome to pledge more than \$5.00 if they choose.

Cash or individual pledge checks from parents and others should be made payable to: RMTA.

Once students register with their teacher, they will collect pledges and fill out the **pledge sheet**. Students will submit the **pledge sheet** and **pledges** to their teacher after the event no later than **February 17.**

Once teachers have received all **pledge sheets** and **pledges**, they should be mailed no later than **February 24** to **Wesley Pollard, Treasurer at 11527 W. Broad St. Richmond, VA 23233**

## Planning for the Event (Notice to Students)

Music students of all instruments and ages are invited to perform in this special event. Students can play solo, duet, classical, seasonal, hymns, jazz, etc. as approved by their teacher. Students may also play with other instruments. The pieces are not required to be memorized, but they should be polished. Students should all wear nice attire for their performance.

Each student who participates receives a special certificate for their hard work and performance at the event.

***Cash prizes will be awarded to the students who raise the most money in pledges.***

## Planning for the Event (Notice to Teachers)

Teachers will receive a **teacher guideline** form with all details. To prepare for this event, teachers will then send their students all necessary forms and info.

**Blocks of 15 minutes** will be available to teachers and their students. Teachers may reserve multiple consecutive blocks of time, but are responsible for filling the **entire** time with music. Teachers may have students play the same repertoire multiple times during these time blocks, or play themselves. The goal is to have continuous performance!

Teachers should arrive at least 20 minutes prior to their students' performances and will need to stay during their entire time block. Students should arrive 10 minutes prior to their performance.

After teachers collect the **student registration**, each teacher must send an email to Belle Elliott (BelleElliott88@gmail.com) to register (**teacher registration**) by **November 30**. This email should include:

- Teacher name
- Number of students performing
- Amount of 15 minute blocks needed
- Preferred time (morning, early afternoon, late afternoon, or any time)

Once all teacher registrations are received, each teacher will be given the time of their studio performance via email.

**Playathon forms** *Please see "Applications and Forms."*

1. **TEACHER GUIDELINES**: This form will contain all teacher information and guidelines regarding Playathon forms, due dates, and event info.
2. **PARENT INFORMATION LETTER AND STUDENT REGISTRATION**: This letter will go to parents as an informational letter about our event. The bottom of the letter is the student registration.
3. **PLEDGE SHEET**: Students will fill this form with all pledge information from family and friends.
4. **STUDIO SCHEDULE**: This will be a summary form of all students and pledge information.

## Important dates to remember

Forms	Date
Teachers will send parents the <b>parent information letter</b> and <b>student registration form</b>	early Fall
Teachers collect <b>student registration</b> form	November 18
Teachers give students/parents the <b>pledge sheet</b> to begin collecting pledges for event	November 18 (when they turn in registration form)
Teachers email <b>teacher registration</b> form to <b>BELLE ELLIOTT</b>	November 30
Teachers begin to complete the <b>studio schedule</b>	Dec 1 – February 2
<b>Playathon Event</b>	Saturday, February 3
Teachers collect students <b>pledge sheet</b> and <b>pledges</b>	February 17
Teachers mail <b>pledge sheet</b> and <b>pledges</b> to <b>Wesley Pollard</b>	February 24