

WGI Percussion Update

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Welcome to the start of the 2012 WGI indoor Percussion season! We are looking forward to what we hope is the best season yet. Since we left Dayton in April, we have made some changes and additions for the 2012 season that we feel will make the WGI percussion experience even better.

Here is the latest:

Caleb Rothe has been appointed Education Coordinator for WGI Percussion.

Caleb has recently served as Vice President of Percussion on the WGI Board of Directors and has been a member of the Percussion Advisory Board and Steering Committee for several years. Caleb will head the educational needs of WGI Percussion including the coordination of web content and the Drum Fest On-Tour events. We are thrilled to have Caleb on our administration team!

See the official announcement at <http://wgi.org/news/07282011-Caleb-Rothe-Named-Percussion-Education-Coordinator.html>

Summit Meetings

At the May advisory board meeting, it was obvious that it was time to take action on a project the Andy and I had been discussing for a couple years. As the designers in our activity continue to evolve, it's important that the adjudication continues to evolve as well. To date, we have had a GE summit meeting in Newark, NJ and a Visual summit meeting via GoToMeeting with designers and adjudicators to discuss the adjudication process. The PA summit meeting will take place soon. As the next phase of the summit meetings takes place, you will be notified for input. We hope that you all continue to contribute to make this project a success. Thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far!

Judges meeting

There will not be a judges meeting this January. We will be having caption specific meetings via GoToMeeting to cover our pre-season needs. Details on these meetings will be coming soon.

Compensation for 2012

There has been an increase in compensation for this season. Fees will be:

- 1 Day Regional - \$350
- 2 Day Regional - \$700
- 1 Day Regional T&P - \$250
- 2 Day Regional T&P - \$500

- In addition to the changes in compensation, your judging fees will be paid by the sponsor at each event resulting in lower 1099 income from WGI.

Travel Policy

We will continue to use the same travel policy as last year. To make the process easier, you will be able to contact the office for your flight options and have the office complete the flight arrangements as soon as you make a decision on your travel option.

Rule changes for 2012

Lighting

Get ready for Lights! Lighting has been approved for use in 2012 in all classes. We will be allowing the use of any LED type lighting along with any other lighting deemed safe. Any lighting apparatus that generates excessive heat will not be allowed. I would expect the use of TV screens/monitors, accent lighting and props that may include lights.

Remote Sound Board

Staffs are allowed to control the sound board from a remote location in the performance area. We will have a reserved seat near the GE judges for one staff member to control their sound equipment.

The 2012 rulebook is attached to this email. Please make sure you review the judging philosophy and make sure you are familiar with all the rules. We are anticipating another great season of indoor percussion and want the very best for our participants. I would like to thank you all for being a part of this team and look forward to spending time with you during the season. As always, if you need anything just let me know. Have a great holiday season and a let's bring on 2012!

Mark