Everyone is <u>required</u> to introduce themselves prior to performing each event. If you fail to do so, the judge does not have to let you perform! Your introduction should be memorized. If you are performing in an ensemble only 1 person from that group needs to make the introductions. The following is information that should be included when introducing your song:

> Performer(s) name(s), name of school, accompanist's name, title of song performing, composer of song performing, and a brief description of the song that you are singing. Focus in on 1 specific aspect that is interesting about the piece (i.e. an aspect of style, form, technique, harmony, rhythm or melody)

Please note, you should not mention your age or grade. This will bias the judges and the judges are NOT supposed to know this information!

If you are performing musical theatre you also need to include the following information in your introduction:

> Your name, name of school, accompanist's name, title of song performing, composer of song performing. You also need give a brief synopsis about the musical. You should include what has happened so far in the story, who your character is, and how the song you are about to sing fits into the musical. You may want to consider doing your introduction 'in character'.

Thought should be put into coming up with your introduction. It should sound like a well prepared speech, not a form letter. It should be individualized and have personality and insight into the song you are singing. **<u>Remember the introduction you give will be when the judge will make his/her first impression of you</u>**. You want a good first impression as that is more likely to subconsciously encourage the judge to give more positive feedback verses negative! If you are having trouble with your introduction you can come see me and I can give you ideas, but I will not write it for you. **<u>Introductions must be written by your final lesson, you will be asked to read your introduction at this lesson so please make sure you bring it with.</u>**