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**900 Students from New York School Music Programs Selected for  
Annual All State Music Conference**

***Celebrating Twenty-One Years in Rochester***

Westbury, NY – November 16, 2018 – Nine hundred students from school music programs across New York State have been selected to perform at the eighty-third annual All State/Winter Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center from November 29 – December 2, 2018. This will be the twenty-first conference held in the city.

This past spring, students in grades ten and eleven participated in a rigorous audition process that included performing solos of the highest level of difficulty. Their goal was to be selected to one of eight all state ensembles.

More, approximately 1,200 music educators in attendance will be afforded opportunities for professional development, several school ensembles will perform, and Kathleen Sanz, president of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), will headline as the keynote speaker.

“NYSSMA is thrilled to celebrate these students and the high-quality school music programs they represent,” said Michael Salzman, NYSSMA President. “Over one thousand music educators from every corner of New York State will attend for professional development opportunities, seminars, performances, and valuable lesson materials for use in their classes and rehearsals. Among the highlights of our conference, however, are the many wonderful performances by our All State students at the beautiful Eastman Theatre,” he said.

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble

*Dr. Jennifer Miceli – LIU Post, Conductor*

Instrumental Jazz Ensemble

*Richard DeRosa, University of North Texas, Conductor*

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble

*Dr. James Tapia, Syracuse University, Conductor*

String Orchestra

*Rachel C. Lauber, University at Buffalo*

Treble Chorus

*Dr. Sharon A. Hansen, University of Wisconsin, Conductor*

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 a.m.

Mixed Chorus

*Dr. Janet Galvan, Ithaca College, Conductor*

Symphonic Band

*Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner, University of Georgia, Conductor*

Symphony Orchestra

*Nancy Strelau, Nazareth College, Conductor*

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of the National Association for Music Education. The Mission of NYSSMA is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.

*\*\* Interviews with NYSSMA leadership and/or students can be scheduled by contacting Dr. John Gallagher at the number above. \*\**

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