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Syosset Schools Arts Administrator Named NYSSMA President

Two Year Theme is

“NYSSMA: Making the Magic of Music Education Accessible to All”

Westbury, NY – January 2, 2018 – NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is proud to introduce Michael Salzman, Coordinator of Fine and Performing Arts for the Syosset School District, as our next President.

Michael has served the Syosset community since 2004 first as a middle and high school band director before obtaining his administrative position. Prior to that, he taught elementary band in the Seaford School District. Additionally, he has been on the music faculty of Hofstra University since 1993.

“I am honored to assume the presidency of this important music education association,” Mr. Salzman said. “In selecting the theme for my presidency, I thought about the importance of every child having access to a high quality sequential music education.”

Passionate about the benefits of music education in the lives of children, Salzman has been very active in professional associations throughout his entire career. A member of the Nassau (County) Music Educators Association’s Executive Board for more than ten years, he served the NMEA as President in 1999-2000.

His work with NYSSMA throughout the years has included membership on the Advocacy and Finance Committees, service as the All-State Band Chairperson, the Nassau County Representative, Second Vice President and President-Elect.

Mr. Salzman earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Indiana University and a Masters of Music from the Mannes College of Music. He studied music education at Queens College and Educational Leadership at Hofstra University.

Well-known and well-regarded as a tubist, he is a former Principal Tuba player of the Long Island Philharmonic and a founding member of the Cosmopolitan Brass Quintet. He has performed with the Goldman Memorial Band, the Concert Pops of Long Island, the Bridgeport Symphony and the 92nd Street Y Ragtime Orchestra. He has performed as a tuba soloist at conferences and universities across the state including the Eastman School of Music, Ithaca College and SUNY Binghamton. He is the Regional Coordinator of the *TubaChristmas* concerts held every year at Rockefeller Center.

He lives in Plainview with his wife Kathi, a Speech Therapist in the Half Hollow Hills School District. They have two children, Miriam, 26, a freelance stage manager living and working in New York; and Gabriel, 21, a Radio Production Major at Hofstra University.

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

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