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Winter Newsletter 2024

CONGRATULATIONS to Arlington Philharmonia for an incredible performance at the NYSSMA Winter Conference

CONGRATULATIONS to Holden Maiorana for being recognized with NYSSMA's Early Educator Award at the Winter Conference!

Thank you to all who helped make both possible!

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2025 Adjudicator Orientation Seminars WE NEED YOU!!!!!

Applications must be received by - March I, 2025.

- o March I4-15 Jericho H.S. Zone 13 (piano only)
- o March 28-29- Kellenberg H.S. Zone 13 (no piano)
- o March 28-29 Byram Hills H.S. Zone II (piano only)
- o April 4-5 Ravena, Coeymans, Selkirk H.S. Zone 7 (no piano)
- o April 25–26 Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts – Zone I

2025 Online Adjudicator Refreshers via Zoom

- · Sunday Feb. 2 6:30 Voice & Piano I
- · Tuesday Feb. 4 7:30 Instrumental (Br., Perc., Str., WW)
- · Wednesday Feb. 5 6:30 Voice & Piano II
- \cdot Wednesday Feb. 5 7:00 Major Organization I
- · Saturday Feb. 8 3:00 Instrumental (Br., Perc., Str., WW) II
- · Thursday Feb. 13 7:00 Inst. & Vocal Jazz I
- · Saturday Feb. 15 7:00 Major Organization II
- · Sunday Feb. 16 7:00 Inst. & Vocal Jazz II

New Accommodations Form

Must be received by zone rep 6 weeks prior to festival!

BEDR

A preliminary list of conductors from diverse backgrounds for county festivals and area all state festivals has been established and will be shared with zone reps as it is finalized. Please reach out to Samantha if looking for this information.

CLASSROOM MUSIC

There were great workshops offered at the conference, including one on starting a PEAK festival in your county. Let Samantha know if you would like more info!

SMN

Remember to renew your NAfME/NYSSMA membership before expiration as this will help keep the School Music News as well as all NYSSMA/NAfME mailings from being interrupted.

Questions? Contact Samantha

zonel0@nyssma.org 518-322-1466

Do not use my school email!

CONFERENCE CHANGES AND PRESIDENT ELECT NEWS

NEW -Nursing Mother's Area was in the Convention Center

NEW- BEDR Intersectional Affinity Space at the Hyatt

Next year the entire event will be through CVENT instead of Submittable and will add Modern Bandl

Dates for planning:

Session Proposals January 15 - April 25
Student Showcase Applications February I - June I (close)
Electronic Music, Songwriters, Young Composers
Modern Band Showcase Pilot January 15 - April 25 (close)
Piano Showcase Applications March I - July II (close)

We are looking for people interested in being part of a Contemporary Choral Music Committee. Let Samantha know if you'd be able/willing to serve NYSSMA in this capacity.

ELECTRONIC MANUAL UPDATE

The electronic manual will be out July I, 2025 Subscriptions are \$20 a year per person and end June 30th of the next year. There is no hard copy version

SUMMER CONFERENCE UPDATE

Summer conference is still on pause this year as they continue to explore changes for future years. Affiliates will most likely have conferences again this summer.

ALL EASTERN ANNOUNCED ON 12/15!

NAFME UPDATE

There was a large response to the scholastic article about optional music education. Reach out if you need advocacy materials.

JOIN US ON JOE SUGAR DAY!

The Advocacy page already has materials posted for JSD- March 3rd in Albany.

Please join us!!!

Congrats Arlington and Holden!













SOLO, ENSEMBLE AND MAJOR ORG. FEES FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

REMEMBER TO PLAN FOR NEW FEES THIS YEAR!

SOLO		MAJORS	
LEVEL 1-4/PIANO 1-4	\$20/\$26	LEVEL 1-3	<i>\$210</i>
<i>LEVEL 5-6/PIANO 5-6</i>	\$30/\$36	LEVEL 4	<i>\$245</i>
ALL STATE	\$36	LEVEL 5-6	\$315

ADJUDICATORS: LOCAL-\$18/HR, NYSSMA-\$22/HR, AS/MO/ZR-\$28/HR

MARK THESE DATES!

April 25-26	A-S-E- IJ-VJ Piano	LaGrange Middle School IIO Stringham Rd Lagrangeville, NY 12540	Christine Fiore Stephen Ryan 845–340–4302	ArlingtonNYSSMA@gmail.com DaCapoMusicFestivals.com
May 2-3	A-S-E Piano	Pine Plains Central School District Stissing Mountain High School 2829 W Church St Pine Plains, NY 12567	Erin Marlow 518-416-1041	marlow.erin@gmail.com DaCapoMusicFestivals.com
May 9-10	A-S-E Piano	George Fischer Middle School 281 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512	Eric Pecor 914-380-2423	epecor@carmelschools.org DaCapoMusicFestivals.com
May I9	MI	George Fischer Middle School 281 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512	Erin Mineri	eminieri@carmelschools.org nyssma.org
May 20	MI-MC	George Fischer Middle School 281 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512	Erin Mineri	eminieri@carmelschools.org nyssma.org
May 28	MI-MC- Clinic	Ichabod Crane High School 2910 US-9 Valatie, NY 12184	Alessandra Shellard 518-423-2220	ashellard@ichabodcrane.org nyssma.org





Procedures for Accommodations At NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble & Major Organization Festivals

- 1. The Executive Director will include this Accommodations Form with the other solo/ensemble and major organization registration materials.
- The school music teacher will send copies of the completed Accommodations Form to the Zone Representative six (6) weeks prior to the festival date. If the student is auditioning for All-State, a copy must also be sent to the NYSSMA Second Vice President.
- NYSSMA will take all possible steps to accommodate the need(s) of the student or major organization ensemble and will communicate them to
 the student's school music teacher/ensemble director and adjudicator before the festival. Any questions regarding this form should be directed to
 the NYSSMA Zone Representative.

Accommodations Form

Accommodations Form NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble & Major Organization Festivals

School Music Teachers – Send this completed form to the Zone Representative at least six (6) weeks prior to the festival date.
All information will remain strictly confidential.

If the student is auditioning for All-State, a copy must also be sent to the NYSSMA Second Vice President.

Student or	Festival Site			
Major Organization Name:	and Date:	Student Age:		
Student Grade(s):Instrument or Voice:		Solo/Maj. Org.Level:		
insemble Director or				
school Music Teacher Name:	All-State Audition:	YesNoN/A		
Iome Phone: School Phone:	School Email:			
YSSMA Member School Name:				
NYSSMA Member School Address:	Zip:			
Documentation of Accommodation(s)				
Our signatures attest that the above-named student requires	accommodation(s). The accommodation	ons:		
 are documented in the school records (e.g. Individu have been consistently applied in their instructional 	2	nmodation Plan),		
 form the basis for this request for accommodation(s).			
School Music Teacher Signature:	D	ate:		
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Da	Date:		
For Solo Ex	valuation Only			
Principal Signature:	Da	ate:		
Accommodation(s) requested:				
□ Directions simplified and/or stated multiple times	iple times Printed scales/rudiments (as per IEP/504)			
☐ Extended time:	☐ Adaptive keyboard	Adaptive keyboard		
☐ Enlarged print:%	☐ Adaptive personal mu	□ Adaptive personal musical equipment		
☐ Sight Reading Color Contrast:	□ Accessible room location			
☐ Reduce items per page				
Additional Information Regarding Accommodation(s):				