

# NYSSMA® ANNOUNCEMENT



## Official Announcement

**TO:** NYSSMA® Members  
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**RE:** 2025 Modern Band Showcase Pilot  
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### **The NYSSMA® 2025 Modern Band Showcase Pilot**

NYSSMA® is pleased to announce the piloting of a Modern Band Student Showcase at the 2025 NYSSMA® Winter Conference. The showcase pilot is an opportunity for selected modern band students from across New York State to collaborate with one another along with recognized modern band coaches during three-days of preparation prior to a culminating performance at a featured event to be held at the 2025 NYSSMA® Winter Conference, Lilac Ballroom, Saturday afternoon, December 6, 2025.

### **HS Student Musician Eligibility (vocal, guitar, ukulele, keyboard, bass, drums, winds and strings)**

#### **Interested students must:**

- attend a NYSSMA® participating school and be a participating member of their school's music program;
- only current HS sophomore and junior student musicians are eligible to audition for the NYSSMA® Modern Band Showcase Pilot. Students must complete an application and submit TWO one-three-minute videos demonstrating their musical ability. Submissions will be accepted along with all Showcase Applications, from January 15, 2025, through April 1, 2025 and will be uploaded to a NYSSMA® online submission portal which will be accessible from the homepage of the NYSSMA® website.
- all students must demonstrate their abilities in a variety of styles, including but not limited to: rock, pop, hip-hop, R&B, country, metal or other emerging commercial genres;
- NOTE: Singing is not mandatory for instrumental auditionees however, preparation of a short excerpt demonstrating singing ability is encouraged. If you have an original song you would like to submit for consideration please include it in your audition submission.

#### **Selected students must:**

Selected students are required to attend three ZOOM sessions prior to the conference weekend to discuss and plan musical ideas and pieces to be performed. ZOOM sessions will take place in the fall of 2025 during the weeks/months prior to the NYSSMA® Winter Conference performance. Original compositions that may be selected for performance will also require learning materials to be distributed. The program will be balanced including consideration given to diversity of genres, artists, time-period, and style of performance.

Please 'click' on the NYSSMA® QR code below for specific audition criteria, repertoire selection, the selection process and information regarding winter conference rehearsal and performance details. Thanks for your interest!

