



LaGrange Middle School Music Dept. 2025 NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival

January 3rd, 2025

Dear Zone 10 Music Educators,

We are excited to announce **LaGrange Middle School** as the MIDDLE and JAZZ site for the **2025 NYSSMA Zone 10 Solo & Ensemble Festival** on **Friday and Saturday, April 25th and 26th!** Our festival is open to all school districts in Zone 10. At the request of the zone representative, the following districts should send their All-State students to this festival:

Arlington CSD
Dover UFSD
Hyde Park CSD
Millbrook CSD

Poughkeepsie CSD
Spackenkill UFSD
Dutchess Day School
Faith Christian Academy

The Millbrook School
Our Lady of Lourdes HS
Poughkeepsie Day School
Tabernacle Christian Academy

The address for LaGrange Middle School is **110 Stringham Road** in **Lagrangeville**. The festival will include Levels I-VI and All-State for woodwind, brass, percussion, strings, piano, voice, and jazz. All Zone 10 students performing a jazz solo (vocal, instrumental, drum set, or All-State) *must* attend the LaGrange festival. This will be the *only* jazz site in Zone 10.

The registration deadline is **March 14th** at **5:00 PM**. Late registrations cannot be accepted.

Teachers can register their students online at: <https://www.dacapomusicfestivals.com/>. If you are unfamiliar with DaCapo, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/54cau58b> for assistance.

Registration checks (a **single check payable to "NYSSMA"**) and a copy of your invoice should be mailed to us *before* the March 14th deadline. If your school will be sending a purchase order or Arts-In-Ed form, be sure to print an additional copy of the invoice for your business office and mark it 'OK to pay.' We will note the order of receipt of your payment since audition times are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. Your application with the proper amount of fees is due six (6) weeks prior to the festival date. Applications will not be accepted if the payment of fees postmark is after the deadline date of March 14th, 2025. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.**

2025 NYSSMA Fees		
Levels 1-4 = \$20 Piano = \$26	Levels 5-6 = \$30 Piano = \$36	All-State = \$36

PLEASE NOTE: NYSSMA fees have changed for 2025!

*Please share this letter with all music colleagues in your building.
More information on back!*

Before registering students, please do what you can to eliminate the need for scheduling changes. Be sure your students have checked their calendars before requesting times and have checked with their accompanist. We will do our best to honor time requests, but please make it clear to your students that requests are not guaranteed. Students must keep both Friday and Saturday open. Thank you in advance for your extra effort in this regard!

Accompaniment Information:

- **Pianos for accompaniment will only be available in voice and All-State rooms.** When registering, please include the accompanist's full name for each accompanied solo.
Accompanists typically work with students from multiple districts and we create the schedule according to their availability. Accompanists are limited to seven hours of accompaniment.
- Keyboards are not permitted to accompany students in another room.
- Directors must indicate if non-All-State students would like to use a piano accompaniment and the name of the accompanist.
- If no accompanist's name is provided, we will assume that the student is performing without a piano.
- Students that plan to use pre-recorded accompaniment **MUST BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE/SPEAKER OR CD PLAYER.** Speakers will **not** be provided on-site.
- Students should not plan to play a pre-recorded accompaniment using their phone's internal speaker.

Other Important Points:

- All-State forms are no longer mailed - they should be completed online by the March 14th registration deadline.
- Please be sure you and your students make music selections based on the current NYSSMA Manual **Edition 33** (July 2022 – green and white pages). For further information please see <https://www.nyssma.org/committees/manual/>. Please also be aware of rule changes (specifically regarding playing the same solo on two different instruments) and the scales and sight-reading required for each level.
- Timpani and bass drum are the only percussion equipment available for percussion solos. All other percussion equipment must be supplied by the student or teacher (*cymbals, triangle and tambourine will be supplied for All-State sight-reading only*).
- Please send all correspondence about this festival to arlingtonnyssma@gmail.com - this ensures both Christine and Stephen receive your email.

Thank you in advance for helping to make this festival a continued success. We look forward to welcoming you and your students in April!

Sincerely,

Christine Fiore and Stephen Ryan

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Info:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christine Fiore and Stephen Ryan LaGrange Middle School: (845) 486-4880 Google Voice - call or text: (845) 320-4302 E-mail: arlingtonnyssma@gmail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Send checks & invoices to:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stephen Ryan % LaGrange Middle School 110 Stringham Road Lagrangeville, NY 12540</p>
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Please do not send payments to Arlington High School or Union Vale Middle School!