



# NYSSMA®

*A State Unit of NAFME, National Association for Music Education*

## NYSSMA – WHO WE ARE!

Our Legislative Talking Points sheet identifies us simply as:  
“the 3,600 members of the New York State School Music Assn.”

Here are many more facts to know about “who we are”:

“The Mission of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA®) is to advocate for and improve music education across New York State by promoting and producing appropriate activities and programs for its membership and students in member school music programs.” (Approved unanimously by the NYSSMA® Executive Council on December 3, 2008)

NYSSMA is the most significant professional force for music education in the State of New York

NYSSMA is the largest, most successful National Association for Music Education (NAfME) unit in the United States.

Approximately 3,600 members, comprised of educators, professionals and music industry representatives proudly belong to NYSSMA.

The music industry in New York State provides thousands of jobs and millions in state tax revenues.

Over 86,000 students participate annually in spring solo and major organization adjudication festivals held all over New York State.

The NYSSMA Winter conference attracts almost 1,500 participants and offers approximately 200 workshops and showcases.

Over 75 vendors and colleges exhibit at the Winter Conference held in Rochester, NY in November. This annual event is a huge boost for Rochester tourism revenues.

Our All-State performing groups are among the finest in the nation. They rehearse and perform at the NYSSMA Winter Conference. Over 4,500 students auditioned for the honor of being an All State musician. Only 825 were selected to participate.

NYSSMA mails its magazine, the School Music News to every NYSSMA member throughout the year and keeps everyone fully informed.

The NYSSMA Manual is the definitive resource for setting standards and expectations for each instrument and voice part at every level of ability. It has been used as a template by states throughout our country. We pioneered “authentic assessment”.

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