**PLACE ON DISTRICT LETTERHEAD**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT:** (*Name)*

*(Phone Number)*

*(Email Address)*

**(Number of students) from (Name of District) Selected to**

**All-Eastern Ensemble(s)**

*Student(****s****) selected to represent District’s Music Program in Hartford, CT*

*(****Date, Location***) – (*Name of School District*) is proud to announce the selection of (*number of students*) from its music program that will perform at the 2025 Eastern Division Honors Festival held in Rochester, NY April 24-27..

The event is sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and hosted by the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA). (*He/She/They*) will be among the approximately one hundred fifty (150) students selected from school music programs across the state. Approximately five hundred seventy (570) students will participate from schools across the east coast.

Students will rehearse and perform with renowned conductors including [Terell Stafford - Temple University](https://terellstafford.com/about/) (All Eastern Jazz Ensemble); [Dr. Anton Armstrong - St. Olaf College](https://www.stolaf.edu/profile/armstron) (All Eastern Mixed Choir); [Dr. Travis Cross - UCLA](https://schoolofmusic.ucla.edu/people/travis-j-cross/) (All Eastern Concert Band); [Dr. Steve Holley - Int’l  Society for Music Education](https://www.isme.org/member/steve-holley) (All Eastern Modern Band); [Jessica Napoles - University of North Texas](https://music.unt.edu/people/jessica-napoles.html) (All Eastern Treble Choir); [Bruce Walker - Columbia Basin College](https://wwsymphony.org/bruce-walker), (All Eastern Orchestra).

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our students,’’ said (*Superintendent, Principal, Arts Administrator, Teacher*). “They will work collaboratively with other young musicians from schools outside of New York and gain valuable experience by working with renown master conductors.”

(*Insert School District Boilerplate*)

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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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