

THE NEW JERSEY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2018 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

DEAR DIRECTOR/SPONSOR,

Congratulations to your High School Region Orchestra members who have now qualified to audition for the New Jersey All-State Orchestra. This application includes all the necessary information to apply. We look forward to the upcoming year as we begin the process for performances for next fall. All-State Orchestra Auditions will take place at John P. Stevens HS, 855 Grove Ave., Edison on Saturday, March 17, 2018

NOTE FOR SENIORS: as the all-state orchestra performances are next fall, current seniors are not eligible to participate in All State Orchestra.

DIRECTOR INFORMATION

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING REGISTRATION

AUDITION DATE: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Directors Meeting — 8:45 AM

The snow date for auditions will be Saturday, March 24

AUDITION SITE: J.P.Stevens HS, 855 Grove Ave., Edison

AUDITION FEE: \$20.00. Student signature page and fees should be mailed together by the director with one check.

DIRECTOR ONLINE APPLICATION: Online registration must be completed by each director by Feb. 28th to avoid additional late fees. The link to this application is at the end of this letter.

STUDENT ONLINE APPLICATION DEADLINE: The online student application will close on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at midnight. This has been extended as late as possible and registrations will ***not*** be accepted after that date.

STUDENT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

All student applications must be completed using the All State Orchestra Audition Instruction Letter Application link on the NJMEA website. All of the necessary information is included in the instruction letter. If a student is auditioning on more than one instrument, the student must have qualified for their respective Region Orchestra on that instrument and must submit a SEPARATE application and fee for each instrument. When students complete online registration, they will receive an email confirmation of the information submitted. If they enter your email address, you will also receive a confirming email. Students who complete an online application will be directed to a signature page that they are to complete and give to you with their application fee.

DIRECTOR/SPONSOR INSTRUCTIONS: In order for students to audition and participate in the 2018 NJ All-State Orchestra, students must be accepted and fulfill all requirements of their respective 2017-18 Region Orchestra/Ensemble and presently be in grades 9, 10 or 11.

1. Students must submit to you the signature page and fee for each instrument. ***THESE TWO ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF MAILED DIRECTLY FROM STUDENTS.*** Students may audition on more than one instrument provided they qualified on both in their Region HS Orchestra.
2. Complete the director/sponsor online form by Feb. 28th, print and attach a copy of the *information side only* of your NAFME card, expiration date of March 17, 2018 or later, and mail together with your student signature pages and payment by school or your personal checks, not student checks. **These must be postmarked by Feb. 28th.** If your membership is not up to date, contact NAFME to renew and have them e-mail you a confirmation letter. Mail it with your applications or forward the e-mail to the audition chairperson.

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3. All directors/sponsors must fulfill judging assignments/duties assigned by the audition chairperson/committee in order for your students to audition. **IMPORTANT: You or your designated and approved substitute MUST be available for March 17th for the entire audition. If this is not possible, please do not register students as they will not be eligible to audition. You may request an alternate assignment, but there is no promise of that occurring.** A substitute is acceptable provided that person is a music teacher, a member of NAFME, and not sponsoring students from any other school. Substitutes must be arranged in advance, unless an emergency occurs, by contacting the audition chairperson. ***Substitutes must also submit an online director/sponsor form.***
4. The confirmation list with audition times will be e-mailed to you by Tuesday, Mar. 13th. If you do not receive the list by that date, please contact the audition chairperson.

Please **do not staple checks** to forms as I have to remove each one. For personal checks or money orders, please write the school name on the memo line. No cash will be accepted. An application will be considered complete only when all of the above has been received and your online registration is submitted.

DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING REQUIRING A CONFIRMATION SIGNATURE AS ALL MAIL GOES TO A POST OFFICE THAT IS NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE. High school application signature pages and payments postmarked after Feb. 28, 2018 will not be accepted. Registrations are not accepted on day of auditions.

Audition Day Information::

The director's meeting will begin at 8:45 AM at JP Stevens HS. If you are sending a substitute, please be sure they get a copy of this letter. There will be coffee and doughnuts and bagels at 8:30 AM and lunch will be provided for directors. Please arrive on time as audition rooms cannot open until all judges are in place.

Student registration will be open from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM (violins scheduled after 2PM may register up to 2PM). Students arriving after 1:00pm will not be permitted to audition. All rooms must remain open until the end of registration.

Students must have an **original** copy of the solo with them at the auditions. Any student who purchased a copy of the required solo online and printed an online solo must have a receipt of purchase with them at the audition. However, **students may play from a marked copy of the solo** as long as they have the original in the room with them.

The student use of all electronic and/or mechanical devices is prohibited in all NJMEA audition rooms.

All judges must be available and remain until your assignment has concluded (4:00 PM at the latest). Please do not plan to leave early unless approved by the chairperson as adjudicators may not change one the auditions begin.

CELL PHONE FOR EMERGENCIES ON AUDITION DAY: 609-364-6984.

This cell phone number is for your use, *not for student questions*. Please assist your students with instructions and if there is a question, *you, the director/sponsor*, should call. Calls from students/parents will not be accepted and they will be directed back to you (except for an emergency on the day of auditions). Questions of eligibility and procedure should be handled by you.

It is important that you are aware of and follow the registration instructions so your students are able to participate in the audition. The March 17th audition is for membership. Re-seating auditions based on the orchestra repertoire will take place on September 10. Both scores will be combined for final seating arrangements.

ENSEMBLE SCHEDULE:

NJ ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Sat. June 2	2PM-6:30PM	Full rehearsal
Sun., Sept. 16	10AM-5:30PM	Re-seating auditions and full rehearsal
Sun., Sept. 23	10AM-5:30PM	Sectionals and full rehearsal
Weds, Thu, Fri – Nov. 7-9, 2018		Rehearsals at the New Jersey Education Association Convention in Atlantic City.
Fri. Nov. 9	8:30PM	Concert at NJEA Convention in Atlantic City
Sun, Nov. 18	10AM Report 3PM	Rehearsal at NJPAC, Newark Concert at NJPAC, Newark

Click the link below to begin **director/sponsor online registration:**

<https://form.jotform.com/80137813684965>

Additional links have been provided for your reference:

High School Student online registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/51944189032154>

High School Student Signature form:

<http://njmeasummerworkshop2.homestead.com/2018ASOStudentSigPage.pdf>

A PAYMENT VOUCHER APPEARS BELOW

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

2018 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA REGISTRATION PAYMENT VOUCHER

Director Name: _____

School you are sponsoring: _____

Amount Enclosed (check or money order to NJMEA): _____

Please include this voucher with your signature forms, payment,
and NAFME membership proof and mail to:

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Postmark deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018