

DELAWARE MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
2010 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for all of your help and cooperation in the selection of the 2010 Delaware All-State Orchestra! The results of this year's auditions have been posted on the DMEA website. Please note that accepted strings students are listed *alphabetically* and not by score rankings. The seating auditions on January 13 for strings will determine rankings. Please attend to the following:

1. Copy and distribute the attached student letter and registration form to your selected students. These need to be returned by Monday, December 21. All-State music and folders are ready and will be distributed to you promptly; please retain them from your students until their forms and remittances are received. Students will be replaced if their registration forms are not received promptly.
2. The **\$60.00 participation fee** must accompany each registration form – **payable to DMEA**. The fee covers costs of All-State CDs (given to each student), All-State medals, music and other student-related benefits. If possible, please send one check to cover all forms. If your district is paying the registration fees, please indicate that on the form. Mail registration forms and fees to:

All-State Orchestra Registrations
P.O. Box 384
Yorklyn, DE 19736

3. Inform your students that the January 13 reading session will also host strings seating auditions. Audition material will be derived from the All-State Orchestra literature. Final audition scores will be determined by the composite of the December 12 audition scores, weighted at sixty per cent of the total; and the January 13 seating audition scores, weighted at forty per cent of the total. It is therefore imperative that students adequately prepare their parts for the seating audition and act on steps #1 and #2 above as quickly as possible.
4. The ASO committee is seeking help from directors for all aspects of the scheduled rehearsals, sectional rehearsals, seating auditions and festival concert. Please complete the form below if you are willing to assist us in any capacity. We thank you for your time and commitment to your students' music education.
5. **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YOUR ALL-STATE BAND WIND AND PERCUSSION PLAYERS:** All-State Band members who are selected for All-State Orchestra will be notified of their placement in the orchestra within the next few days. We congratulate these players and you for your dedication. Please check your mail for further details regarding these selections.

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DIRECTORS FORM

DIRECTORS: Please complete and return this form by December 21. Mail to:
All-State Orchestra P.O. Box 384 Yorklyn, DE 19736
Or complete and return online to Anita.Pisano@bsd.k12.de.us

DIRECTOR'S NAME _____

SCHOOL PHONE _____ **HOME PHONE** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I can assist at (*please check all that apply*):

January 13, 5:00 – 9:30 PM at Concord High School, Wilmington:

- I'll be there during the following hours to assist with the reading rehearsal and seating auditions (we need judges from 5:30 – 7:00):

February 18, 9:00 to 4:00 at Appoquinimink High School

- I'll be there during the following hours to assist with the rehearsal:

- I can conduct strings sectional rehearsal

February 19, 9:00 – 4:00 at Appoquinimink High School

- I'll be there during the following hours to assist with the rehearsal:

- I can conduct strings sectional rehearsal

February 20, 1:00 to 4:00 dress rehearsal at Appoquinimink High School
6:00 PM Concert

- I'll be there during the following hours to assist with the dress rehearsal:

- I can assist at the Concert (tickets, ushering, CD sales, etc.)

Questions? Contact members of the ASO committee:

Anita Pisano, Chair Anita.Pisano@bsd.k12.de.us Bob Emmons RGEEmmons2@yahoo.com
Bonnie Ayers Bonnie.Ayers@redclay.k12.de.us

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Dear Orchestra Member:

Congratulations on your selection as a member of the 2010 Delaware All-State Orchestra! This accomplishment is the result of your dedication and hard work, as well as the help and support of your parents, your orchestra director and your private teacher. As you share this great news with them, be sure to include a "thank you" for their contributions to your success.

The attached form must be completed and returned *by your Orchestra Director by Monday, December 21st*, along with the \$60.00 participation fee. *Strings seating assignments will be determined at the re-auditions on January 13 at the ASO reading rehearsal at Concord High School in Wilmington. As soloists also will be chosen during the rehearsals, you should learn any solos that may be written in your parts.*

When you submitted your application for an All-State audition, you signed the *Rules and Regulations for participating in All-State performing events*, which stated: **"No permission will be given to any student to be absent from a rehearsal or a performance, or any portion thereof for any reason."** Please check your calendar carefully to be sure that you can meet *all* of the required rehearsals, the January 13 reading session and the concert. **Students who miss a rehearsal will be dismissed from the All-State Orchestra.** If you cannot meet the requirements of the rehearsal and concert schedule, please ask your director to inform DMEA that you will not be participating. Once you withdraw, you will be replaced and may not be reinstated.

Our guest conductor this year is Lawrence Golan, conductor of the Phoenix, AZ Symphony Orchestra. We're sure that you will find your experience with him rewarding and musically fulfilling.

Strings players: Please prepare your music before the rehearsals, as it will be used as the basis for strings seating auditions on January 13. Your final seating will be based on a composite of your initial audition scores from the December 12 auditions, weighted at sixty per cent of the total; and the January 13 music reading audition, weighted at forty per cent of the total. Performance at the seating auditions is for the Orchestra literature only -- you will not be asked to perform scales or to sight-read music.

Your cooperation and behavior must be exemplary at all of the rehearsals and the performance. We are always proud of the exemplary musicians and students who represent Delaware at our all-state events. Please do your utmost to maintain this tradition.

The required concert dress code is as follows:

Girls: White buttoned blouse, long-sleeved, midriff covered. Black skirt that covers the knees when seated or black slacks that are full-cut or formal. Stockings that are color-appropriate. Low-heeled black dress shoes. Minimal jewelry.

Boys: Dark dress suit trousers. Brown or black dress shoes (NO sneakers!). Dark socks. White dress shirt with appropriate tie. Minimal jewelry.

SCHEDULE OF REHEARSALS AND CONCERT:

Wednesday, January 13: Reading Rehearsal and strings seating auditions 5:30 – 9:30 PM at Concord HS, Wilmington. **NOTE: Brass, woodwind and percussion players do not need to attend until 6:45 PM**

Thursday, February 18 and Friday, February 19: Full rehearsal and sectional rehearsals 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Appoquinimink High School, Middletown.

Saturday, February 20: Dress rehearsal 1:00 – 4:00. Concert 6:00 PM at Appoquinimink HS

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Student Registration Form

This form and payment must be returned by December 21 to your Orchestra Director, who will return the form to the All-State Committee. Please print legibly.

Name _____ Instrument _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Emergency phone _____

School _____ Director _____

Medical concerns or restrictions: _____

Student agrees to:

- Attend all rehearsals and the concert.
- Be on time for all rehearsals and the concert.
- Be properly attired for the concert, as specified by DMEA.
- Remain for entire rehearsals and not leave early
- Abide by the rules of the host school and DMEA.
- Not hold DMEA or its agents responsible for accidents or injury.
- Pay the \$60.00 participation fee. Checks payable to DMEA.

DIRECTOR: CHECK HERE () IF YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL BE REMITTING THE PARTICIPATION FEE AND SUCH FEE IS NOT INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME EXACTLY AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR IN THE PROGRAM:

First name _____ Last name _____

RETURN WITH \$60.00 FEE TO: ASO Registration P.O. Box 384 Yorklyn, DE 19736

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The Wednesday, January 13 Reading Rehearsal and Seating auditions will be held from 5:30 – 9:00 PM at Concord High School 2501 Ebright Road Wilmington, DE 19810. Strings auditions 5:30 – 7:00. Full orchestra reading session 7:00 – 9:00. Wind and percussion players should report around 6:45.

Appoquinimink High School is located at 1080 Bunker Hill Road Middletown, DE 19709. The orchestra will rehearse and perform on stage in the auditorium.

LUNCH FOR THURSDAY AND FRIDAY REHEARSALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY DMEA. IF YOU REQUIRE A SPECIAL DIET BEYOND NORMAL CAFETERIA FOOD, PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.

ALL-STATE T-SHIRT ORDERS:

The order form for All-State T-shirts may be downloaded directly from the DMEA Website (www.delawaremea.org). You need to place your order directly from Champion Specialty Advertising by January 15, 2010 – FIRM DEADLINE! The DMEA All-State Orchestra committee does not handle T-shirt orders.

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