

DELAWARE MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

2012 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA

Dear Orchestra Member:

Congratulations on your selection as a member of the 2012 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 Wednesday, December 21*, along with the \$60.00 participation fee. *Strings seating assignments will be determined at the seating auditions on Wednesday, February 8 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 February 8 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.

This year's guest conductor is Dr. Timothy Dixon, the music director of the West Shore Symphony Orchestra (PA), Director of Orchestral Activities at Messiah College (PA) and a regular conductor of the Harrisburg Opera Association. He is known widely as an inspiring conductor, an engaging communicator and a committed educator.

Strings players: Please prepare your music before the rehearsals, as it will be used as the basis for strings seating auditions on February 8. Your final seating will be based on a composite of your initial audition scores from the December 10 auditions, weighted at sixty per cent of the total; and the February 8 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 or no jewelry.

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

SCHEDULE OF REHEARSALS AND CONCERT:

Wednesday, February 8: Reading Rehearsal and strings seating auditions 5:30 – 9:00 PM at Concord HS, Wilmington. *All Woodwind, Brass and Percussion players will participate in the Reading Rehearsal from 6:45 - 9:00 PM; arrive at Concord HS by 6:30 PM.*

Thursday, March 22: Full rehearsal and Delaware Symphony Orchestra lead sectional rehearsals 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at PS DuPont Middle School, Wilmington.

Friday, March 23: Full rehearsal and sectional rehearsals 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM at PS DuPont Middle School

Saturday, March 24: Dress rehearsal 1:00 – 4:00. Concert 5:30 PM at PS DuPont Middle School

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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 _____

Student's e-mail 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
- Be picked up within 15 minutes of the rehearsal end time or authorities will be notified
- 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, February 8 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 seating auditions 5:30 – 7:00. Full orchestra reading session 6:45 – 9:00. *Brass, woodwind and percussion players may have a sectional rehearsal on February 8 between 5:30 and 7:00. Check the DMEA website for details (www.delawaremea.org). All Woodwind Brass and Percussion will participate in the Reading Rehearsal from 6:45 - 9:00 PM.*

Rehearsals and concert will be held at PS DuPont Middle School, located at 701 West 34th St. Wilmington, DE 19802. 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). Ordering instructions are stated on the form. Orders must be placed by January 10, 2012 – FIRM DEADLINE! The DMEA All-State Orchestra committee does not handle T-shirt orders.

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