

NORTH COLONIE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

91 Fiddlers Lane
LATHAM, NEW YORK 12110-5349

TO: Music Students and Parents

FROM: Deborah Keough
District Music Supervisor

RE: NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival
May 16-17 at Queensbury High School
Level 1-6 and All Jazz solos (no All-State except for Jazz)

DATE: February 2025

NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) sponsors a statewide music festival each year during the spring. Students have the opportunity to perform a piece of music which is selected from the NYSSMA Manual. The music is listed in six levels according to difficulty. Students perform before an adjudicator and are evaluated on their performance.

The students receive a critique of their performance, and a grade is also given. The NYSSMA festival gives students a chance to practice auditioning, and the feedback students receive will help them to grow musically. In addition, students often use this NYSSMA rating for acceptance in performing groups outside the school district.

Shaker HS and elementary students are encouraged to register for the Saratoga Springs festival on May 2-3. Shaker HS All-State applicants are *only* allowed to register for the Saratoga festival, except for Jazz solos which are only held at Queensbury. While families *can* choose to register their non-All-State SHS or elementary student for the May 16-17 festival at Queensbury HS, the HS and elementary music teachers will only be in attendance at the Saratoga festival.

Registration form & check due by March 7.

*****The earlier you register, the more likely you will get your preferred time.*****

The cost will be:

Levels 1 - 4: Solo \$20.00/student; Duet \$10.00/student

Levels 5 - 6: Solo \$30.00/student; Duet \$15.00/student

All-State Jazz: Solo \$36.00/student

Please fill out the registration form and return it to your music teacher with a check made payable to:
North Colonie Central School District

DISTRICT MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Shaker High School
445 Watervliet-Shaker Road, Latham, New York 12110-4697

(518) 785-5511 ext. 3354
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**NYSSMA SOLO/ENSEMBLE MUSIC FESTIVAL
STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**

Queensbury High School
May 16-17, 2025

Levels 1-6, All JAZZ solos including All-State

Student Name(s): _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Instrument or Voice part: _____ Music Teacher: _____

Accompanist's Name (if applicable): _____

(Please check)

Solo _____ *Duet _____ *Trio _____ *Quartet _____

**You must list all student names above for duet, trio, etc.*

Level of Music

Please circle: **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **6** **Jazz All-State**

(Teacher can help with this information)

If **JAZZ**, check here: _____

Preferred Audition Time: (check one)

Fri., May 16, afternoon** _____ No preference _____

Fri., May 16, evening** _____

Sat., May 17, morning _____

Sat., May 17, afternoon _____

*Check your calendar
CAREFULLY.
Requests for a
schedule change may
not be able to be
accommodated.
Friday, May 16 is the
SHS Senior Prom.*

If the audition time is required, please state the reason: _____

**** The earlier you turn this form in, the more likely you will be to receive your preferred time.
Friday audition times are very limited and difficult to obtain.**

Enclosed is a check made out to *North Colonie Central School District* in the amount of \$_____.

Registration form and money due to **your music teacher** by:

Friday, March 7