

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:
DATE: February 2025

**May 2-3 at Saratoga Springs High School
Level 1-6, All-State (no jazz)**

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.

All Shaker HS All-State solos (except for jazz) must register for the Saratoga festival. Shaker MS students are encouraged to register for the Queensbury festival on May 16-17 because it does not overlap with concert weeks. While families *can* choose to register their SMS student for the Saratoga festival, the only site with SMS music teachers in attendance will be the Queensbury festival May 16-17.

Registration form & check due by February 28.

*****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: 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**

Saratoga Springs High School
May 2-3, 2025

Levels 1-6, All-State

Note: All Jazz solos must be performed at the Queensbury festival.

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** **All-State**

(Teacher can help with this information)

Preferred Audition Time: (check one)

Fri., May 2, afternoon** _____ No preference _____

Fri., May 2, evening** _____

Sat., May 3, morning _____

Sat., May 3, afternoon _____

***Check your calendar
CAREFULLY.
Requests for a schedule
change may not be able to
be accommodated.
SAT exams are May 3.***

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, February 28