2022 ALL-STATE DIRECTOR PACKET

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PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE THE STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET

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Connecticut All-State Music Festival

REHEARSALS:
Connecticut Convention Center & Marriott Hotel

PERFORMANCE: Connecticut Convention Center, April 2, 2022

March 31 – April 2, 2022

DIRECTOR INFORMATION

Dear CMEA Directors,

Congratulations on your student’s selection to the 2022 Connecticut All-State Festival. In this packet you will find information pertinent to the festival, information for your students, and details regarding your responsibility as a director during the festival. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

John Abucewicz
All State Festival Chair

Email: student-affairs@cmea.org

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES SUMMARY

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*Forms/payments mailed after this date will be assessed a $100 LATE FEE*

Payments postmarked after this date will put students at risk of losing their spot and being replaced by the All-State Festival Committee.

FEE PER STUDENT

- $300 for commuting students
- $445 for students staying on-site
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**MUSIC MAILED**
Music will be mailed upon festival acceptance deadline on CTFest.

**PAYMENT & MAILING**
The postmark deadline is **Tuesday March 8th, 2022**.
ONE check for all student fees (made out to CMEA).

**COMMUTING STUDENTS**
Directors will sign in ALL students (Commuting and On-Site students) on Thursday. After Thursday, directors are responsible for the commuting students attending rehearsals on time, but will **NOT** need to sign commuter students in each day.

**ON-SITE REGISTRATION**
Student registration will be from **9:00-9:45AM** on March 31, 2022.

Only directors/or CMEA approved official school chaperones may register students at the registration table. Students/parents may not register themselves. At registration, directors will verify the students, who are attending, receive ID tags and an updated rehearsal schedule for their students.

All students must arrive and be registered by **9:45AM**.

Please register your students no later than 9:45AM to help expedite the audition process. **Participants must bring their music, a folding stand, and a pencil**.

**REHEARSALS**
Rehearsals will take place at the Hartford Marriott and Connecticut Convention Center. The rehearsal schedule and information about the students’ stay can be found at the All State Website.

**CONDUCTORS**
Band: Dr. Vu Nguyen, Band (University of the Pacific)
Orchestra: Dr. Thomas Taylor Dickey (Oklahoma State University)
Mixed Choir: Mr. Jo-Michael Scheibe (University of Southern California)
Treble Choir: Dr. Betsy Cook Weber (University of Houston)
Jazz: Mr. Justin DiCioccio (Manhattan School of Music)

**CONCERT**
Saturday, April 2nd, 2022  **1:00 & 3:30** - Connecticut Convention Center

**CONCERT TICKETS**
$27.00 for all audience members (one ticket admits to BOTH concerts, includes fees) Tickets MUST be purchased in advance, no tickets will be sold at the door.

**DIRECTOR ONSITE**
We are looking for 20 “full-time” chaperones this year. Please contact Jennifer Crooks (Chaperone Coordinator) if you are interested (crooksj@oxfordpublicschools.org). The first 15 chaperones to commit will receive a hotel room and free admittance to the All State In Service Conference.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**
- If enough people are able to fill these spots, directors WILL NOT be required to be on site once their students have been checked in on Thursday.
- If we are not able to fill all of these spots then all directors should be prepared to have a CMEA member from your district on site each day from 9:00AM until 5:30PM.

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Masks and Bell covers

- Students will be provided masks and bell covers to be used for the duration of the festival. We realize some districts have made masks optional. However, some have not. Masks and bell covers will be handed out in the first ensemble rehearsals and are expected to be used during rehearsals and the performance.

As a reminder, an official school chaperone:
- Is a director from your school or your district with a valid CMEA membership.
- NO SCHOOL MAY TRANSFER CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITY TO ANOTHER DISTRICT.
- School chaperones who fail to meet the professional obligation of signing in/signing out along with being present during the required hours will result in their student(s) being dismissed from the festival.

MEALS FOR DIRECTORS

There are NO meals provided for school directors. The meals at the Convention Center are only for All-State students, conductors and official full-time chaperones. Please plan accordingly.

HOUSING

All-State participants will be housed at:

**Hartford Marriott**
200 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 249-8000

**Hartford Hilton**
315 Trumbull St,
Hartford, CT 06103 (860) 728-5151

***STUDENTS WILL BE HOUSED IN DOUBLES***
Any special needs should be stated on the Family ID form. Students will be placed in rooms with students from the same school where possible.

Vaccination status/Negative testing

- Family ID will collect vaccination status. If students are not vaccinated for COVID-19, they will need to provide a negative test within 72 hours of the start of the festival.

STUDENT INFORMATION

On-Site students must be present for the entire event, from Thursday’s registration to the end of the performance on Saturday. Commuter students may leave after the last rehearsal of each day or after dinner, but are strongly encouraged to stay for Friday’s showcase performance.

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PLEASE EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR STUDENTS:

● FOOD ALLERGIES and HEALTH CONDITIONS must be clearly indicated on the Family ID form. Email student-affairs@cmea.org if you have any comments or concerns.

● Rooming at the hotel is in doubles.
  ○ Exceptions will only be made for students with health issues.
  ○ All requests for special rooming consideration are to be sent to the Festival Chair (student-affairs@cmea.org) by the student’s director or fill out the form that was emailed to directors

● Students are fully responsible for the safekeeping of their personal items such as mp3 players, cell phones and money. Instruments will be secured overnight in rehearsal areas by security staff and opened each morning.

● All students must bring their All-State Festival music/folder, a folding stand, and a pencil.

● Percussionists must bring any sticks, mallets, cymbals, snare and small drums, and auxiliary equipment. (ONLY timpani, bass drum, mallet instruments, keyboards & pianos will be provided).

● Jazz Band Rhythm Section Musicians are responsible for bringing their own equipment:
  - Drummer: Drum Set, Sticks
  - Guitarist: Guitar, Amp, and patch cord
  - Pianist: Piano will be Provided
  - Bass Player: Acoustic and Electric Bass, Amp and patch cord

   ** In the event that a student can not provide any of the above equipment, please contact our equipment chairs- Mr. Larry Shea and Mr. Justin Daly.

● Food delivery & room service at the hotel is not permitted. Students who want snacks for after-rehearsal/evening hours must bring them from home.

● Concert ticket order forms & the rehearsal schedule are in the STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET.

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CONCERT DRESS –

The CMEA All-State Concert Dress Code does not conform to gender stereotypes. Students will wear BLACK CLOTHING that they, their families and directors deem appropriate.

OUR PRIORITY IS FOR ALL STUDENTS TO BE:

- Themselves
- Comfortable
- Present a unified color palette where music is the focus

PLEASE CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

- Black dresses
- Black trousers
- Black skirts/Black stockings
- Black collared shirts
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes (Close-toed)
- Black jackets & suits

PLEASE AVOID:

- Sneakers
- Exposed legs
- Exposed shoulders
- Leggings as pants
- Athletic apparel
- Non-collared shirts
- White socks

*Directors who are aware of students needing access to concert clothing may contact John Abucewicz at student-affairs@cmea.org

All payments must be postmarked by TUESDAY, March 8th, 2022 to:
CMEA - ATTN ALL STATE
PO Box 174
Cromwell, CT 06416

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