



**2023 ALL-STATE
DIRECTOR PACKET**

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**PHOTOCOPY AND DISTRIBUTE
THE STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET**

Connecticut All-State Music Festival

REHEARSALS:

Connecticut Convention Center & the Marriott Hotel

PERFORMANCE: Connecticut Convention Center, April 1, 2023

March 30 – April 1, 2023

DIRECTOR INFORMATION

Dear CMEA Directors,

Congratulations on your student's selection to the 2023 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 us.

Brian Crook, Jonah Garcia, and Mindy Shilansky
All State Festival Co-Chairs
Email: All-State@cmea.org

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES SUMMARY

DATE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITY and/or CMEA POSTING

Mar 8th Postmark Deadline for payments, forms must be completed in Family ID

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 **\$210 for commuting students**
\$375 for students staying on-site

MUSIC MAILED Music will be mailed upon festival acceptance deadline on CTFest.

PAYMENT & MAILING The postmark deadline is **Wednesday, March 8th, 2023.**
ONE check for all student fees (made out to CMEA).

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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 9:00-9:45 AM on March 30, 2023

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 receive an updated rehearsal schedule for their students.

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.

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

Please register your students no later than 9:45AM to help expedite the rehearsal 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. T. André Feagin (Central Washington University)
Orchestra: Eduardo Navega (Vassar College)
Mixed Choir: Dr. Marques L. A. Garrett (University of Nebraska)
Treble Choir: Dr. Diana V. Saez (Towson University)
Jazz: Lauren Seviaan (Berklee College of Music)

CONCERT

Saturday, April 1st, 2023 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 watch for communications from our chaperone chair, Michael Breaux of Greenwich High School, regarding chaperone sign-ups. **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.

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- **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 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM.**

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:

The Hartford Marriott

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

*****STUDENTS WILL BE HOUSED IN QUAD ROOMS*****

Any special needs should be stated on the Family ID form.

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.

PLEASE EMPHASIZE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR STUDENTS:

- FOOD ALLERGIES and HEALTH CONDITIONS must be clearly indicated on the Family ID form. Email all-state@cmea.org if you have any comments or concerns.
- Rooming at the hotel is in quad rooms.
 - Exceptions will only be made for students with health issues.
 - All requests for special rooming consideration are to be sent to the Festival Chair (all-state@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 including cell phones, other electronic devices, 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

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**** 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.

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 the All State chairs at: all-state@cmea.org*

**All payments must be postmarked
by **WEDNESDAY, March 8th, 2023** to:**

CMEA - ATTN ALL STATE
PO Box 174
Cromwell, CT 06416