



2023 ALL-STATE STUDENT PACKET



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Dear All State Participant,

Congratulations! We are pleased to be sending this letter of acceptance to you for the 2023 CMEA All State Festival! The hard work that you put in before the event and the dedication of our directors and members helped to make this audition a great opportunity for everyone. As a member driven organization, CMEA tries to offer these experiences for our students and directors to foster growth in all of us.

Please read through the documents enclosed and make yourself familiar with the policies, procedures and other pertinent details. Visit the CMEA website to access all of these documents and other up-to-date information.

Thank you again for your involvement, and congratulations!

Brian Crook, Jonah Garcia, and Mindy Shilansky

CT All-State Festival Co-Chairs

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CMEA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL
STUDENT INFORMATION PACKET

March 30 – April 1, 2023

The Hartford Marriott & The Connecticut Convention Center

FEE PER STUDENT

Commuting Students - **\$210.00**

Students staying at the hotel - **\$375.00**

Payments should be postmarked by March 1st and MUST be in the form of a check from the school/institution. Personal checks from parents/guardians can NOT be accepted.

REGISTRATION

- **Your director** must register you by 9:45 AM Thursday, March 30th, 2023
- A parent may drive you to the Hartford Marriott in Hartford, and escort you to registration, but **only your director can register you at the sign in table.**
- You will receive an ID tag and an updated rehearsal schedule upon arrival.

LUGGAGE STORAGE AREAS This will be posted at check-in.

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 Sevian (Berklee College of Music)

CONCERTS

Saturday, April 1st - 1:00PM & 3:30PM

THE CONNECTICUT CONVENTION CENTER

TICKETS

Tickets MUST be purchased online prior to the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. The link to ticket sales is at CMEA.org. Tickets are \$27 and include online ticketing fees.

HOUSING

All-State participants will be housed at:

The Hartford Marriott

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

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

Exceptions will ONLY be made for students with health issues.

- Any special/dietary needs should be stated on the FAMILY ID form
- All requests for special rooming considerations are to be sent to the Festival Chair at all-state@cmea.org from the student's director BY March 1st, 2023.

On-site students must be present for the entire event from Thursday's registration to the end of the concert performances which will conclude at approximately 5:30pm.

Commuter students: If you wish to leave after the last rehearsal/dinner Thursday and Friday, you may. You are **STRONGLY encouraged to stay for Friday's showcase concert.**

REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center and Marriott Hotel. The rehearsal schedule and information about the students' stay is located on the CMEA website.

REHEARSAL PROTOCOL

- **NO food or beverages** (other than water) are allowed in the rehearsal areas.
- Chewing gum is not permitted during rehearsals.
- Hats or hoods are not permitted during rehearsals.
- The use of cell phones and headphones/earbuds for any purpose during rehearsals or concerts is prohibited.
 - *****If this rule is ignored, cell phones may be collected during rehearsal (or concert) time, and returned at the end of the segment**

HEALTH CONCERNS

FOOD ALLERGIES and HEALTH CONDITIONS must be clearly indicated in the student's Health information on Family ID.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

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.

WHAT TO BRING

- *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).

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

Photos, CDs/DVDs

- **All forms for ordering will be available on CMEA.org. We will not be collecting forms ahead of time, but the vendors may be able to take orders on-site.**
- **MP3s will also be provided for all students participating.**



ALL-STATE CONCERT DRESS CODE

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*

STUDENT FESTIVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Students are expected to abide by all Festival rules as listed below. The consequences for not following these rules or other directions given by CMEA members/leaders may result in immediate dismissal from the festival, notification of appropriate school administrators, and subsequent action barring the individual student from future participation in CMEA events.

1. Students may not operate a vehicle and drive to the festival, or drive at any time during the festival.
2. All students are expected to present themselves in a respectful manner.
3. Students are not permitted to smoke at any time.
4. Students must stay in designated areas as specified by CMEA representatives and volunteers, and must stay INSIDE the hotel and rehearsal areas at all times.
5. CMEA issued student identification must be worn at all times.
6. Students must abide by announced curfew times.
7. Students are not permitted in any room other than their own.
8. Students are not permitted to have any guests in their rooms at any time, or to congregate in the hallway outside of open-door rooms. Students may use public common areas to socialize before curfew.
9. Students incurring any expenses within a room due to phone calls, theft and/or damage, or other fees will be billed individually. If the individual(s) responsible cannot be determined, all individuals within the room will be billed.
10. All CMEA rules, local and federal laws are in effect for the duration of all CMEA activities. Use or possession of alcohol and/or non-prescription drugs are not permitted and are illegal. Students must follow the directions of their school chaperone, CMEA chaperone and festival chairpersons. If a student is found in violation of CMEA policies, the school will be notified and the student will be dismissed from the festival. Parents will be responsible for picking up their child from the festival.
11. CMEA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items; students must secure their belongings at all times.
12. Students are not permitted to meet with guests at any time during the festival unless they are other All-State participants, school directors/chaperones, conference participants, or family.
13. **On-Site Students** must be present for the entire event, from Thursday's registration to the end of the performance on Saturday. **No exceptions will be made.**
14. **Commuter students:** If you wish to leave after the last rehearsal/dinner Thursday and Friday, you may. You are STRONGLY encouraged to stay for Friday's showcase concert.