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Three Hundred Twenty-Four (324) Long Island Students Selected for 2016 All State Ensembles

Music Students across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to Perform at Eighty-First Winter Conference in Rochester

Westbury, NY – November 18, 2016 - The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), is proud to announce that Three Hundred Twenty-Nine (329) students from school music programs across Long Island have been selected to perform among the more than nine hundred (900) students in eight (8) NYSSMA All State Ensembles. *This constitutes more than one-third of the total number of students selected for All State.*

Professional development opportunities for music educators will also be offered to approximately 1,200 attendees. Several school ensembles will be featured, and attendees will be treated to two keynote speakers: Scott Sheehan, Eastern Division President of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and Christopher Woodside, Deputy Director for Advocacy & Policy for NAfME.

“As NYSSMA celebrates its eighty-first All State Conference, we are proud to partner with the city of Rochester for the nineteenth year in a row,” said Michael Brownell, NYSSMA President. “Over one thousand music educators from all over New York State will attend for professional development opportunities, seminars, performances, and valuable lesson materials for use in their classes and rehearsals. Among the highlights of our conference, however, are the many wonderful performances by our All State students at the beautiful Eastman Theatre.”

Saturday, December 3rd – 3:00 p.m.

Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
Dr. Sherrie Maricle, the DIVA Jazz Orchestra, Conductor
Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Dr. Jeremy Fox, Miami Dade College, Conductor

Saturday, December 3rd – 8:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble
Dr. Jared Chase, Nazareth College, Conductor
String Orchestra
William C. White, Metropolitan Youth Symphony, Portland, OR, Conductor
Women's Chorus
Dr. Patrick Walders, San Diego State College, Conductor

Sunday December 4th – 10:00 a.m.

Symphony Orchestra
Michael Jinbo, Pierre Monteux School for Conductors, Conductor
Symphonic Band
Dr. Scott Hanna, Butler School of Music (University of Texas/Austin), Conductor
Chorus
Dr. Tucker Biddlecomb, Blair School of Music (Vanderbilt University), Conductor

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