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**NYSSMA Returns to Rochester with 900 All State Music Students for 81<sup>st</sup> Conference**

Westbury, NY – November 18, 2016 - The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), is proud to celebrate its eighty-first All State/Winter Conference by returning to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center from December 1 – 4, 2016 to celebrate its nineteen-year relationship with the city.

Approximately nine hundred (900) high school juniors and seniors from high schools across New York State will perform in eight ensembles, and professional development related to music education will 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 4<sup>th</sup> – 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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