Three Hundred Twenty-Nine (329) Long Island Students Selected for 2015 All State Ensembles

Students in music programs across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to Perform at Eightieth Winter Conference

Westbury, NY – November 16, 2015 - 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.

Approximately nine hundred (900) students 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 Glenn Nierman, President of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) will deliver the keynote address.

NYSSMA’s featured artist will be Triton Brass. Members of this exciting Internationally-renown musical quintet has been artists-in-residence at both the Tanglewood Institute and The Boston Conservatory, where each has served as on the faculty.

“As NYSSMA celebrates its eightieth All State Conference, we are proud to partner with the city of Rochester for the eighteenth year in a row,” said Dr. David Gaines, NYSSMA President. “Music educators from all over the 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.”

The annual conference will feature the All State Ensembles in concert at the historic Eastman Theater as follows:

**Saturday, December 5th – 3:00 p.m.**
Wind Ensemble
Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles

**Saturday, December 5th – 8:00 p.m.**
String Orchestra, Women’s Chorus

**Sunday December 6th – 10:00 a.m.**
Symphony Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Mixed Chorus

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The Mission of NYSSMA is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.

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