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One-Third of All State Musicians Return to Perform at 82nd Conference Celebrating Twenty Years in Rochester

Westbury, NY – November 17, 2017 - The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA), is proud to celebrate its eighty-second All State/Winter Conference by returning to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center from November 30 – December 3, 2017 to celebrate its twenty-year relationship with the city.

Of particular note is that one-third of all nine hundred (900) student musicians come from school music programs in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

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 perform, and attendees will hear from keynote speaker Denese Odegaard, president of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

“NYSSMA is thrilled to celebrate its twenty-year relationship with the City of Rochester to produce our eighty-second All State/Winter Conference,” said Michael Brownell, NYSSMA President. “Over one thousand music educators from every corner of 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,” he said.

Saturday, December 2nd – 3:00 p.m.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Christine Guter, California State University – Long Beach, Conductor
Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
Mike Tomaro, Duquesne University, Conductor

Saturday, December 2nd – 8:00 p.m.

Wind Ensemble
Dr. Ricky Fleming, Buffalo State College, Conductor
String Orchestra
Dr. Stephen Rogers Radcliffe, Seattle Youth Symphony, Conductor
Treble Chorus
Dr. Deanna Joseph, Georgia State University, Conductor

Sunday December 3rd – 10:00 a.m.

Mixed Chorus
Dr. David Fryling, Hofstra University, Conductor
Symphonic Band
Dr. Steven Davis, University of Missouri, Conductor
Symphony Orchestra
Adam Glaser, Hofstra University, Conductor

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of the National Association for Music Education. The Mission of NYSSMA is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.