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NYSSMA Returns to Rochester with 900 All State Music Students for 81st 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 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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