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900 Students from New York School Music Programs Selected for Annual All State Music Conference

Celebrating Twenty-One Years in Rochester

Westbury, NY – November 16, 2018 – Nine hundred students from school music programs across New York State have been selected to perform at the eighty-third annual All State/Winter Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center from November 29 – December 2, 2018. This will be the twenty-first conference held in the city.

This past spring, students in grades ten and eleven participated in a rigorous audition process that included performing solos of the highest level of difficulty. Their goal was to be selected to one of eight all state ensembles.

More, approximately 1,200 music educators in attendance will be afforded opportunities for professional development, several school ensembles will perform, and Kathleen Sanz, president of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), will headline as the keynote speaker.

"NYSSMA is thrilled to celebrate these students and the high-quality school music programs they represent," said Michael Salzman, 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 1st – 3:00 p.m.
Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Dr. Jennifer Miceli – LIU Post, Conductor
Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
Richard DeRosa, University of North Texas, Conductor

Saturday, December 1st – 8:00 p.m.
Wind Ensemble
Dr. James Tapia, Syracuse University, Conductor
String Orchestra
Rachel C. Lauber, University at Buffalo
Treble Chorus
Dr. Sharon A. Hansen, University of Wisconsin, Conductor

Sunday December 2nd – 10:00 a.m.
Mixed Chorus
Dr. Janet Galvan, Ithaca College, Conductor
Symphonic Band
Dr. Cynthia Johnston Turner, University of Georgia, Conductor
Symphony Orchestra
Nancy Strelau, Nazareth College, 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.

** Interviews with NYSSMA leadership and/or students can be scheduled by contacting Dr. John Gallagher at the number above. **

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