

What is the difference between a conference SESSION and a conference SHOWCASE?

A conference SESSION is sponsored by a NYSSMA® committee and must be totally non-commercial. Conference session applications are put online by January and due in March for the following winter conference. Sessions are selected in May.

A conference SHOWCASE is sponsored by an Institutional Member of NYSSMA® that is also an exhibitor at the winter conference. A showcase may (but is not required to) feature a particular product, music from one publisher, one composer, etc. An institutional member may sponsor from 1 to 3 showcases, depending on the level of membership held (e.g. Associate, Sponsor, and Patron). Showcase applications are mailed and put online at www.nyssma.org in February and are due at the end of March. All sessions are scheduled in May.

Conference SESSIONS and SHOWCASES are scheduled in the same areas and are allotted the same length of time. They generally look about the same to conference participants. The only real difference is the sponsorship and the commercial/non-commercial nature of the presentation.

All sessions are listed in the conference program and the conference APP.

All SESSIONS and SHOWCASES must feature appropriate material for the NYSSMA® winter conference.

For further information, contact the NYSSMA® office at 516.997.7200.