

Dear Colleagues:

George Fischer Middle School will be hosting the south site for the 2022 NYSSMA Zone 10 Solo & Ensemble Festival. The festival is Friday and Saturday, **April 19th and April 20th**. It will include woodwind, brass, percussion, strings, voice, piano, and all-state. Carmel is **NOT** a jazz site.

Important Items:

1. All students must be registered by March 8th, 2024.
2. Please send your **All-State forms** with payment by March 8th, 2024. All- State forms **ARE NOT MAILED**. They should be completed on-line by the registration deadline. All- State registration online opens Monday, January 9.
3. For those using Boces AIE, an administrator signed contract will be acceptable for scheduling purposes. **If your school will be sending a purchase order or Arts-In-Ed form, please be sure to print an additional copy of the invoice for your business office and mark it “OK to pay.”**
4. Please make sure that you are using the most recent NYSSMA manual for selections.
5. Registration will be done using dacapomusicfestivals.com.

REGISTRATION FEES: Level 1-4 \$16 Level 5-6 \$24 All-State \$30
 PianoL: Level 1-4 \$22 Level 5-6 \$30

Please send **one check** for your registrations payable to “NYSSMA.” Mail your payment and a print-out of your registration to me:

Eric Pecor
c/o GFMS
281 Fair Street
Carmel, NY 10512

Scheduling will be done on a first-paid basis. Please have students check their schedules for the weekend and note of any conflicts that may arise due to siblings, multiple performances, accompanists, or other problems in the appropriate sections on DaCapo

Pianos will be available in All-State, voice, and piano rooms. There will be no other pianos available at the festival site. Students performing with a recorded accompaniment must provide their own playback device. A xylophone, bass drum, and a set of timpani will be provided on-site. All other percussion instruments must be transported to the festival.

My email address is: epecor@carmelschools.org

Directors or Coordinators of Music, please share this information with members of your staff. The code phrase “Blind Elephants” may be used to prove that you’ve read this email, when you see me at the festival. If you use the appropriate code phrase, you will be rewarded with a free snack.

Sincerely,

Eric Pecor
Festival Chairperson