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Over Two Hundred NY Music Students Total One-Third of Those Selected to All-Eastern Festival

NYSSMA Hosts Nationally-Recognized Music Conference in Rochester, NY

Westbury, NY, March 1, 2023– The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) is proud to host the Eastern Division Conference sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME). The event will be held at the Rochester (NY) Riverside Convention Center and the historic Eastman Theater from April 13-16.

The event will feature approximately seven hundred (700) students from schools in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and New York, which will be represented by approximately two hundred twenty (220) outstanding young musicians.

“NYSSMA is proud to host the Eastern Division Conference in Rochester, a city that hosts our annual All State Conference each December,” said Russ Faunce, NYSSMA President. “Our New York students will meet others from across the eastern states and learn from outstanding conductors to enhance their musicianship. School districts and music educators have much to celebrate!”

Students will rehearse and perform with renowned conductors including [Dr. James Tapia](#) of Syracuse University (All Eastern Symphonic Band); [Rachel Lauber](#) of the Eastman Community Music School and University at Buffalo (All Eastern Symphony Orchestra); [Jason Max Ferdinand](#) of the University of Maryland (All Eastern Mixed Chorus); [Brian Powell](#) of Montclair State University, NJ (All Eastern Modern Band); [Dr. Kristina MacMullen](#) of University of North Texas (All Eastern Treble Chorus); and jazz tubist [Bob Stewart](#) conducting the All Eastern Jazz Ensemble.

NYSSMA, the New York State School Music Association, is the largest state affiliate of the National Association for Music Education.

The Mission of the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) is to advance music education across New York State for its membership and students in member school programs.

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