**PLACE ON DISTRICT LETTERHEAD**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT:** (*Name)*

*(Phone Number)*

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**(Number of students) from (Name of District) Selected to**

**All-Eastern Ensemble(s)**

*Student(****s****) selected to represent District’s Music Program in Rochester, NY*

*(****Date, Location***) – (*Name of School District*) is proud to announce the selection of (*number of students*) from its music program that will perform at the 2023 Eastern Division Honors Festival held in Rochester, NY April 13-16.

The event is sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and hosted by the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA). (*He/She/They*) will be among the more than two hundred (200) students selected from school music programs across the state. Approximately seven hundred (700) students will participate from schools across the east coast.

Students will rehearse and perform with renowned conductors including [Dr. James Tapia](https://vpa.syr.edu/people/james-tapia/) of Syracuse University (All Eastern Symphonic Band); [Rachel Lauber](https://www.esm.rochester.edu/community/faculty/rachel-lauber/) of the Eastman Community Music School and University at Buffalo (All Eastern Symphony Orchestra); [Jason Max Ferdinand](https://music.umd.edu/directory/jason-ferdinand) of the University of Maryland (All Eastern Mixed Chorus); [Brian Powell](https://www.montclair.edu/profilepages/view_profile.php?username=powellb) of Montclair State University, NJ (All Eastern Modern Band); [Dr. Kristina MacMullen](https://music.unt.edu/faculty-and-staff/kristina-macmullen) of University of North Texas (All Eastern Treble Chorus); and jazz tubist [Bob Stewart](http://www.bobstewartuba.com/) conducting the All Eastern Jazz Ensemble.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for our students,’’ said (*Superintendent, Principal, Arts Administrator, Teacher*). “They will work collaboratively with other young musicians from schools outside of New York and gain valuable experience by working with renown master conductors.”

(*Insert School District Boilerplate*)

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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