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

Celebrating Twenty-Two Years in Rochester

Westbury, NY – December 2, 2019 – Approximately nine hundred students from school music programs across New York State have been selected to perform at the eighty-fourth annual All State/Winter Conference held at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center from December 5 – December 8, 2019. This will be the twenty-second 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, and several school ensembles will perform. More, well-known music educator and mentor to student leaders Tim Lautzenheiser, 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,”

Saturday, December 7th – 3:00 p.m.

All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Vocalist & Songwriter Rosana Eckert, Conductor

All State Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
James Burton III, The Juilliard School, Conductor

Saturday, December 7th - 8:00 p.m.

All State Wind Ensemble
Dr. Emily Threinen, University of Minnesota, Conductor

All State String Orchestra
Dr. James Mick, Ithaca College, Conductor

All State Treble Chorus
Dr. Lori Hetzel, University of Kentucky, Conductor

Sunday December 8th – 10:00 a.m.

All State Mixed Chorus
Dr. Jerry Blackstone, University of Michigan, Conductor

All State Symphonic Band
Jay Gephart, Purdue University, Conductor

All State Symphony Orchestra
Donald Schleicher, University of Illinois, 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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