

22nd Annual NYSSMA Young Composer & Songwriter Honors Concert

A CALL FOR COMPOSERS & SONGWRITERS

NYSSMA® students—send us your compositions and songs!

Students who submit a composition or song will receive a written evaluation about their piece. Each submitted composition/song will also be considered for inclusion in the *22nd Annual NYSSMA Young Composer & Songwriter Honors Concert* at the All-State Winter Conference in Rochester. Composers/songwriters of the selected pieces will also participate in composition coaching workshops and a post-concert discussion with the NYSSMA® Composer-in-Residence.

Age Categories

Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Works by seniors will receive evaluations but will not be considered for performance. Although quality is the primary criterion, NYSSMA® will attempt to represent all three age categories and will seek to program a concert of varied style, genre, and instrumentation

Rules and Regulations

- Compositions/songs must not exceed five (5) minutes in duration.
- Composition submissions shall include an audio recording (preferably a link) and a PDF score; works may be composed for a solo instrument or voice, or for an ensemble of instruments and/or voices.
- Song submissions shall include an audio recording and a lyric sheet. Lead sheets are not required but accepted with the submission. Songs may be from any popular style. Both music and lyrics must be written by students.
- Each applicant may submit a maximum of two compositions or songs, but each submission requires a separate application and \$30 submission fee.
- Compositions & songs will be judged based on 3 criteria: Technique, Musical Appeal, and Creativity.
- If a composition or song is selected for performance at the Winter Conference, NYSSMA will assist in the recruitment of performers, but NYSSMA cannot guarantee a performance.
- Students whose compositions or songs are selected will be expected to attend the conference.
- Travel, housing, and other expenses for students who attend the conference are the responsibility of the composer or sponsoring school.
- Any student (K-12) enrolled in a NYSSMA Participating School District is eligible to submit compositions or songs.

Online Application Procedure

The application procedure has three parts:

1. On or before June 5, 2020, register your application online at: <https://bit.ly/38lwnv9>
2. Before June 5, 2020, send an audio file of a recording and a file of the score or lyric sheet as e-mail attachments to nyssmacomposition@gmail.com. The subject line of the e-mail must include the student's name. In the body of your e-mail you must include the student's full name, address, phone number, and title of composition.
3. A completed Application Form (detach below) together with an entry fee of \$30 per composition/song (check payable to NYSSMA - NO CASH!) must be postmarked by June 5, 2020 and mailed to:

Brian Zeller—NYSSMA Composition
Red Hook High School
103 West Market Street
Red Hook, NY 12571

PLEASE NOTE:

- a. Late Applications and submissions will not be accepted.
- b. If a live recording is not available by the deadline, please send an MP3 of a MIDI mockup instead.

For further information, please contact Dr. Rob Deemer, NYSSMA Composition Committee Chair, at deemer@fredonia.edu.

Application Form

(Please detach and print clearly):

Student Name: _____

Title: _____

Parent's E-mail: _____

Teacher's E-mail: _____