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## 2026 MIOSM LETTER



# NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> 2026 MIOSM ALBANY PERFORMANCES LETTER

**TO:** All NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> Directors of Elementary, Middle School, Junior and Senior High School Performing Groups  
**FROM:** Edmund Chiarello, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> President  
**DATE:** October 2025  
**RE:** Music In Our Schools Month, March 2026  
Performances at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York

This project is sponsored by the NYS Senate Education Committee, State Senator Shelley B. Mayer, Committee Chair and the NYS Assembly Education Committee, Michael Benedetto, Chairperson.

Through the offices of Commissioner Jeanette M. Moy of the State of New York Office of General Services and of Steve Marvin, in charge of OGS Convention and Cultural Events, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> has made arrangements for a number of outstanding groups (band, choral, orchestral, vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles and dance groups) to perform as representatives of their legislative districts during "Music In Our Schools Month," 2026.

It is hoped that your local legislators (assemblyman, assemblywoman or senator) will introduce the concert and present your group with a legislative resolution commemorating your participation on this occasion. We also recommend your participation in state-sponsored tours of the Empire State Plaza and the Capitol.

*The concerts will be held on the following 2026 dates:*

Dates: March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31.

Times: (10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.) (11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.) (12:25 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)  
(1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) (2:10 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.)

Location: All performances will take place in the South Concourse of the Empire State Plaza. Vocal and Instrumental set ups are side by side, which works out very well with keeping the programs moving along and on schedule.

Please complete the accompanying application form and submit two (2) copies of the document.

\*Applicants may also email the application. When using USPS mailing, please send to: Scott Andrews, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> MIOSM Chairperson, 552 So. Albany Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158 no later than **October 31, 2025** in order for this application to be processed.

***\*Emailed applications must be sent to Scott Andrews at: sandrews731.60@gmail.com no later than October 31, 2025.***

***Applications emailed or postmarked after October 31, 2025 will not be accepted!***

This has proven to be a fine educational experience for the students who have performed in the past, as well as being a good public relations vehicle for music education. You will be notified of your acceptance and supplied with pertinent information in a timely manner.

# NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> APPLICATION FORM TO PERFORM DURING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH IN ALBANY, MARCH 2026

Please submit two (2) copies of this application form with an official letter from your school administrator granting permission to perform in Albany during the month of March 2026 to: **Scott Andrews, NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> MIOSM Chairperson, 552 So. Albany Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158 no later than October 31, 2025.** Applications postmarked after October 31, 2025 will not be accepted.

**A separate application form, in duplicate, is required for each performing group. \*You may also email this application (with supporting documents) to Scott Andrews at: sandrews731.60@gmail.com**

**PLEASE TYPE or PRINT LEGIBLY**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> Zone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Students Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate length of program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did your district perform in 2025? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No 2024? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No 2023? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No  
Director of Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
NAfME Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_ School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is imperative that the following information be complete and accurate:**

NYS Senator: \_\_\_\_\_ Senatorial District: \_\_\_\_\_  
NYS Assembly member \_\_\_\_\_ State Assembly District: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31.

**Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of performing dates. Also, please circle all dates your group would be available to perform.**

1st Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle preferred (10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.) (11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.) (12:25 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.)  
performance time: (1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.) (2:10 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.)

Equipment Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Chairs: \_\_\_\_\_ Choral risers will be provided.

**Music stands will be available for your use.** A single microphone will be provided for announcements only. Additional sound equipment and other needs must be provided by your school district.

**\*NYSSMA<sup>®</sup> members will receive first preference in filling assignments.**

**\*\*THIS FORM MUST BE EMAILED / POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2025.**  
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**PLEASE NOTE:**

- 1. PLEASE SUBMIT TWO (2) APPLICATION FORMS FOR EACH PERFORMING GROUP.**
- 2. Include a letter from your school administrator granting your group permission to perform.**
- 3. An acoustic piano will be available at the performing area.**
- 4. Please indicate approximate length of your program.**
- 5. Please indicate your choice of 10:30, 11:30, 12:25, 1:15 or 2:10 time periods.**
- 6. PLEASE CIRCLE ALL DATES YOUR GROUP IS AVAILABLE TO PERFORM.**
- 7. All performances will be at the South Concourse of the Empire Plaza.**