

ZONE 10 DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

AFC DATES

Applications for adjudicator training must be received by March 1, 2026.

Adjudicator training sites

- Zone 13- March 6-7
 - Nassau C.C., piano only
- Zone 1- March 13-14
 - Talent Unlimited H.S.
- Zone 3- April 17-18
 - East Syracuse-Minoa H.S.
- Zone 14- April 24-25
 - Half Hollow Hills H.S. West, no piano

Online Refreshers in February

- Sunday, Feb. 1 –6:30 – Voice & Piano I
- Tuesday, Feb. 3 –7:00 – Instrumental I
- Wednesday, Feb. 4 –6:30 – Voice & Piano II
- Wednesday, Feb. 4 –7:00 – Majors I
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 –7:00 – Instrumental II
- Thursday, Feb. 12 – 7:00 – All Jazz I
- Saturday, Feb. 14 – 3:00 - Majors II
- Sunday, Feb. 15 – 7:00 - All Jazz II

NYSSMA ACADEMY 2.0

This is a great way to earn CTLE Credits! You can still sign up for the spring workshops!

- March 7- Sensory safety for students- predictable routines in instrumental music
- April 25th- Music for all: Engaging all learners in the accessible music classroom

CURRICULUM PAGE UPDATED

Check out the NYSSMA curriculum page updated with shared lesson plans.

NYSSMA PRESIDENT REPORT

- Mark your calendars!
 - Eastern Division Conference- Providence, Rhode Island, April 1-4, 2027
 - Theme- “Sounds of Hope, Waves of Change!”
- Portrait of a graduate-
 - There is an ad hoc committee being put together a presentation to share with administration.
 - Keep a look at the website in late January to volunteer.
- NYSSMA Awards
 - Keep an eye out for various awards hitting the website in January and nominate people you think are deserving.
- We are moving to a July-June budget year to better align with school districts. Please keep this in mind if hosting a festival this spring!

SUMMER CONFERENCE

Summer conference is back as a collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center. Click on the link above for more info!

CONTACT SAMANTHA

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 indicates link- click on title

MANUAL INFO FOR SPRING 2026

This year's manual is digital. For any problems, reach out to Andy Kittleson at manual@nyssma.org

Read the rules and regulations and new changes for the year are highlighted

The manual is fully integrated with DaCapo. When registering for a multimovement work, please list the additional movements in the "other" section of the piece title. **All solo information is due 2 weeks prior to the festival. All state online applications are due at festival registration.**

APME NOW AN AFFILIATE

The Association for Popular Music is now a NYSSMA affiliate. Thank you to all the members that came to the general business meeting at the NYSSMA winter conference and voted to make this happen!



NYSSMA AND NAFME LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Congratulations to Daryle Redmond for winning the election for NYSSMA President Elect!

Daryle will move to his new role January 1, 2026 and Scott Cannan will fill the remainder of his term.

The NYSSMA Election Cycle begins March, 2026 with nominations opening at Executive Council Meeting March 7, for 2nd and 3rd VP.

NAfME Special Elections will commence in January. Please see their [website](#) for more information!



JOE SUGAR DAY- SAVE THE DATE!!!

Joe Sugar Day is on
Monday, March 9th
This is a different week than normal!

Talk to your county presidents about setting up times to meet with your representatives now.

AAS CHAIRS NEEDED

November's festival will be held at Taconic Hills High School. We are still looking for Area All-State Chairpersons for Treble Chorus and Band (we already have a willing band conductor). Please contact Samantha if you're willing to chair!

Festival Dates 25-26

| Dates | Type | Location/Mailing Address | Chair/ Telephone | Host Email Registration |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| April 18th (Saturday only) | A-S-E Piano | Chatham High School 50 Woodbridge Ave Chatham, NY 12037 | Samantha McShane 518-322-1466 | ChathamNYSSMA@gmail.com DaCapoMusicFestivals.com |
| April 24-25 | A-S-E- IJ-VJ Piano | Arlington CSD LaGrange MS 110 Stringham Rd Lagrangeville, NY 12540 | Stephen Ryan 845-486- 4880 x70940 | ArlingtonNYSSMA@gmail.com DaCapoMusicFestivals.com |
| April 28-29 | MI | George Fischer Middle School 281 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512 | Erin Minieri 845-661- 1390 | eminieri@carmelschools.org nyssma.org |
| May 1-2 | A-S-E Piano | Wappingers Falls CSD Roy C. Ketcham HS 99 Myers Corners Rd Wappingers Falls, 12590 * Festival will be held at John Jay High School | Gina Stephens 845-430- 3498 | gina.stephens@wcsdny.org DaCapoMusicFestivals.com |
| May 27 | MC-MI-CE | Ichabod Crane High School 2910 US-9 Valatie, NY 12184 | Alessandra Shellard 518-423- 2220 | ashellard@ichabodcrane.org nyssma.org |
| May 19 | MC | George Fischer Middle School 281 Fair Street Carmel, NY 10512 | Erin Minieri 845-661- 1390 | eminieri@carmelschools.org nyssma.org |