



NYSSMA® 2027 MIOSM ALBANY PERFORMANCES LETTER

TO: All NYSSMA® Directors of Elementary, Middle School, Junior and Senior High School Performing Groups
FROM: Kathy Perconti, NYSSMA® President
DATE: September 2026
RE: Music In Our Schools Month, March 2027
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 State of New York Office of General Services and the Office of Convention and Cultural Events, NYSSMA® has made arrangements for a number of outstanding groups (choral, orchestral, vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles and dance groups) to perform as representatives of their legislative districts during "Music In Our Schools Month" 2027.

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 2027 dates:

Dates: March 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31.

March 1 - NYSSMA® Day in Albany with performances at 11:30am by the NYSSMA® All-State Vocal and Instrumental Jazz Ensembles.

March 16 and 17 - No performances scheduled.

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® MIOSM Chairperson, 552 So. Albany Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158 no later than **October 31, 2026** 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, 2026.**

Applications emailed or postmarked after October 31, 2026 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[®] APPLICATION FORM TO PERFORM DURING MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH IN ALBANY, MARCH 2027

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 2027 to: **Scott Andrews, NYSSMA[®] MIOSM Chairperson, 552 So. Albany Rd., Selkirk, NY 12158 no later than October 31, 2026.** Applications postmarked after October 31, 2026 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[®] Zone: _____
Type of Group: _____ Name of Group: _____
Number of Students Involved: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Approximate length of program: _____
Did your district perform in 2026? ___Yes ___ No 2025? ___Yes ___ No 2024? ___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, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 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[®] members will receive first preference in filling assignments.**

****THIS FORM MUST BE EMAILED / POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 31, 2026.**

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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.**