

NMEA All-County Day of Percussion Info:

This year's Nassau County Music Educators Association (NMEA) Day of Percussion will be held on April 20, 2018 at Massapequa High School, NY. The day will consist of masterclasses by Frank Bellucci on Drumset and the Jim Royal Steel Drum Band. There will also be the performance of the NMEA All-County Percussion Ensemble made of some of the best percussionists in Nassau County. The evening will conclude with a "Massed Ensemble", where everyone in attendance will also get to perform (music is on the website). Door prizes will be raffled off during this event by some of the top companies in world of percussion. For more info contact Anthony Romeo (aromeo@nassaumusic.org) or Andrew Dwork (adwork@nassaumusic.org), or go to the NMEA website www.nassaumusic.org.

All County Percussion Ensemble Info

NMEA All-County Ensemble is the auditioned group that performs at the NMEA Day of Percussion. High school students need to be RECOMMENDED for an AUDITION, and then pass the AUDITION to be selected for this group.

Nomination forms for the 2018 All-County Day of Percussion Ensemble are now available at www.nmeaac.org (click on the "Registration" button, and then on the "All-County Percussion Ensemble" form.) This is only for high school students interested in auditioning for the All-County Ensemble.

All-County Ensemble requirements. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be able to be at all rehearsals for entire rehearsal time. Failure to attend any portion of any rehearsal will result in the student being removed from the ensemble.
2. Applicants must come in with a prepare solo on snare, mallets or timpani selected from an appropriate level V or VI from the NYSSMA manual. They can perform a solo on the instrument of their choice; mallet, snare drum or timpani.
3. Applicants must register by December 15, 2017
4. Any player who does not satisfactorily learn the music will not be permitted to participate in the All-County Ensemble.

5. Participants must be in grades 9-12.

Timeline for auditioned ensemble:

November 1, 2017 - Nominations will open

December 15, 2017- Nomination Deadline

January 5, 2018 - Selected for an audition time

January 16, 2018 - NMEA All-County Percussion Ensemble Auditions at
Massapequa HS - starting at 3:00pm

February 9, 2018 - Selections will be made by (music emailed out shortly after
that)

2018 All-County Percussion Ensemble Required Rehearsals:

Monday, March 19 - 5:00pm - 9:00pm (Bring a bag dinner)

Tuesday, March 27 - 5:00pm - 9:00pm (Bring a bag dinner)

Wednesday, April 11 - 5:00pm - 9:00pm (Bring a bag dinner)

Thursday, April 19 - 4:00pm - 9:00pm (Dress rehearsal, dinner is supplied)

Friday, April 20 - 4:00pm - 9:00pm (Day of Percussion)

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Schedule

3:00 – 4:00 Registration & Rudimental Session with ??

4:15 – 5:15 Marimba Clinic 1 (Bandroom)

5:30 – 6:30 Drumset Clinic 2 (Auditorium)

6:30 – Dinner

7:15-8:15 – Concert in Auditorium

POST WRITEUP

Almost 200 percussionists gathered at Five Towns College this year on January 23, 2015 for Suffolk County Music Educator's Association (SCMEA) annual "Day of Percussion". It was a well attended event with wonderful clinics on drumset by Kim Plainfield, and marimba clinic by Thomas Marceau. About 30 of the most popular percussion companies helped sponsor the event, including the Original Long Island Drum Center, and Music and Arts Music Company.

The evening concluded with it's All-County Percussion Ensemble concert involving the following students and districts; Patrick Roche (Babylon), Christian Martino (Babylon), Madden Klass (Hauppauge) , Harry Smith (Hauppauge), Justin Edgar-McNerney (Huntington), William Fallon (Huntington), Jack Blakley (Huntington), Anthony Amadio (Kings Park), Victor LaBozzetta III (Middle Country), Tyler Berns (Middle Country), Scott Hatch (Northport-East Northport) and Patrick Lyons (Northport-East Northport).

A PAS (Percussive Arts Society) rudiment and scale initiative, lead by Jude St. George and Frank Battista, got our young percussionists playing their scales and rudiments in preparation for the upcoming springtime festivals. Chairmen Pete DeSalvo and Anthony Romeo would like to thank Phil Voigt, Diana Cook, Jason Giachetti, Frank Battista, Jude St. George and everyone who helped make the day such a success.

See you all in 2016!!!!