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**Be sure to double check the All-County Festival Schedule!  
There have been some late alterations to rehearsal dates and sites.**

**2019 ALL COUNTY REHEARSALS AND CONCERT DATES**

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>Division I West Concert</b> 12:00 pm @ Tilles		<b>Division III</b> 4-8pm Mineola HS	<b>Division I West</b> 4-7:30 pm Lawrence MS  <b>Division I East</b> 4-7:30 PM Wantagh HS	<b>Division I West</b> 4-7:30 pm Lawrence MS	<b>Division I East</b> 4-7:30 PM Wantagh HS	<b>Division I West</b> 8:30 am -12:30pm Lawrence MS  <b>Division I East</b> 8:30 am -12:30 pm Wantagh HS
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20	<b>Division II Concert</b> 11:00 am Tilles <b>Division III/ IV/ V, Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Concert</b> 3:30 pm Krasnoff Theater (formally Hillwood Recital hall)					

Dear Colleagues:

As the busy holiday season begins its crescendo I feel that it is important to take a moment to offer my thanks to all of you for an incredible start to the year. To this point, all of this year's events have been great successes. Recently, our Administrator's Night was a wonderful evening. A chance for us to spend some time with our colleagues and take the opportunity to show our appreciation to the school and district leaders with whom we work so close. As I write this, the Parents Educators and Kids (PEAK) Festival was just a couple of days ago. Featuring our youngest All-County musicians, it was a welcome reminder of the deep and powerful connections that music education can create at all ages.



'Tis the season for holiday music! There are studies that show the powerful relationship between music, nostalgia, and emotions. What is your favorite seasonal song? Do you recall a memory or a scent from a candle or a taste of a favorite recipe? So many of our holiday traditions at this time surround us with sights and sounds that impact our feelings. Oftentimes, as educators, we live in a world of routine and repetition, listening to the same pieces over and over through rehearsal after rehearsal until concert time, teaching to a well-planned, strict daily schedule, and so on. Perhaps we could stop and hear music through the listening ears of others and recognize the impact our music making has on the audience. Music has a mystical quality and ability to touch us in so many different ways! As Harry Potter's most influential teacher, Professor Albus Dumbledore said, "Ah, music...A magic beyond all we do here!" Take time to listen to the songs that mean the most and create a happy spirit. If you're making a shopping list consider giving the gift of music. Recordings, tickets, performances, listening devices are a sure way to the hearts of young and old. This year, make some musical memories and, make some memories musical.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe, successful and joyful holiday season with fulfilling concerts and other events in which our students may perform and excel. I also hope that you all get at least a few moments to recharge with quality time with those that mean the most to you.

Warm wishes and Happy New Year,

*Ruth Breidenbach*

♫ UPCOMING EVENTS

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# 2018 ALL-COUNTY P.E.A.K. FESTIVAL

Singing, dancing, instruments and smiles filled the Performing Arts Center at Freeport High School on Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> as the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade All-County students performed with their music teachers and the clinicians. These Parents, Educators And Kids collaborated with talented students representing districts across Nassau County. The 2018 PEAK performances included: **Recorder Rendezvous** with Donna Basile, **World Drumming** with Tom Austin, **Cardio Drumming: Move to the Beat** with Kara Boulay, **Folk Dancing Fun!** with Craig Knapp, **Australian Rhythm Sticks** with Michelle Quigg, **Dancing Back to the Future** choreographed and led by Mahendra Morales, **Pitch Perfect A Cappella** with Christine Benedetti & Marc Silverberg, and **Chorus** under the direction of Sharon Pesenti and accompanied by Benjamin Pesenti.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the volunteers from Freeport High School, Michael LaSorsa and the Music Departments from Molloy College, Hofstra University and Adelphi University.

**Congratulations to the outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> Grade All-County students and their teachers from:**

**Baldwin UFSD  
Bethpage UFSD  
East Meadow UFSD  
East Woods School  
Elmont UFSD  
Farmingdale UFSD  
Freeport UFSD  
Grace Christian Academy  
Great Neck UFSD  
Herricks UFSD  
Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD  
Island Park UFSD  
Jericho UFSD  
Levittown UFSD  
Lynbrook UFSD  
Massapequa UFSD  
Merrick UFSD  
New Hyde Park-Garden City Park UFSD  
Portledge School  
Rockville Centre UFSD  
Syosset CSD  
Uniondale UFSD  
Valley Stream 13 UFSD**

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# 2018 P.E.A.K. FESTIVAL





# NMEA ADMINISTRATOR NIGHT



**Honor Your Administrator Night 2018**  
The Cottage at The Milleridge Inn 585 North Broadway, Jericho 11753



### **Curriculum materials for the *New York State Standards for the Arts:***

Full implementation of the new State Standards began this past September. The implementation process will occur as a gradual phase in beginning this current 2018-19 school year. As of this past summer the new web address for the State Standards is

[http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/arts/.](http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/arts/)

The NYSSMA curriculum committee has added valuable information to their webpage. From the NYSSMA website at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org), please locate **COMMITTEES** (top menu bar), and select **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**. The Curriculum Committee webpage will provide access to the latest information, including the link to the SED standards website, overview, instructional ideas for process components, NAFME links, and FAQ's. Additionally, there is a new subcategory titled **Standards Shareables**. **Standards Shareables** provides materials that other teachers have assembled to align curriculum and lesson plans with the new standards. If the shareables links do not open directly, please copy and past the link into your browser. Standards Shareables briefly lists instructional ideas. It is a short list so far – but it won't be difficult to add more entries rather quickly! I ask that you be aware of other ideas that can be included as a 'Standards Shareable', perhaps in your own teaching, from watching colleagues teach, in observations, at workshops or conferences. The curriculum committee would like to add ideas that are practical and simple — not complicated or complex. Something that teachers can look at to get a better idea of how to get started. One-pagers (back/front copies) are generally the most desirable, along with teacher's name, school district and permission to share.

### **NYSSMA Judge Orientation:**

Immediately after January 1, NYSSMA judges will receive their annual notice from the Assignor of Adjudicators listing all the spring 2019 festival dates, with instructions on how to commit and communicate the dates that judges then make themselves available to judge. Judges are assigned throughout the state based on their availability. Some judges commit to many judging assignments while others only one or two; again based on their availability. **Will you receive this notice from the Assignor? Are you a NYSSMA approved judge?** If not, please consider registering to attend the upcoming **Adjudication Orientation Seminar** this year taking place conveniently at the **Uniondale NYSSMA Festival on March 29-30**. The area of strings particularly requires additional judges to offset the tremendous amount of string students that register to perform at Nassau festivals each year. The registration form is included in this newsletter. Those candidates approved at the March 29-30 orientation in Uniondale are then available to judge later this spring in April, May, and June.

### **Winter Conference Update:**

The NYSSMA Winter Conference will take place November 29 - December 3, at the Rochester Convention Center and adjoining hotels. Register for the conference at [www.nyssma.org](http://www.nyssma.org)

The amount of work that is prerequisite to this conference every year is incredible. The 900 plus All-State students, workshops and seminars, slate of performances in the Lilac Ballroom, Piano Showcase, Young Composers Concert, Electronic Music Composition Showcase; **all** of this does not happen automatically. There are levels of the organizational structure, approvals, deadlines, and hurdles to navigate. There are permissions, logistics, and then all the final work and the programs and digital APP needs to be compiled and in the NYSSMA Business Office. There are officers and committee chairs, the Executive Director and his staff, hotel / convention center officials and staff -- lists of people that work long hard hours. On site there is the registration of the membership, badge ID process, and the booth vendor registration and logistics. In many ways the NYSSMA Winter Conference is bigger and better than most national conferences and some international conventions. If you've never been to a NYSSMA Winter Conference or an All-State Concert please consider making the pilgrimage even if only for one day, you won't be disappointed.

See you at the *Staircase Sing* on Friday night!

Reach me at [zone13@nyssma.org](mailto:zone13@nyssma.org) if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Chiarello  
NYSSMA Zone 13 Representative





# 2019 NYSSMA Adjudicator Orientation Seminars

To be held at the following sites (please check **one**):

- \_\_\_ **March 29-30**      **Uniondale HS (no piano)**      **Zone 13**
- \_\_\_ **April 5-6**      **Corning-Painted Post MS**      **Zone 15**

**Times:** Regular Orientation: Friday 6:30 – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
 Second Area Orientation: Friday 7:00 – 9:30 pm  
 All-State Orientation: Friday 3:15 – 6:15 pm  
 Major Organizations: Friday 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

---NYSSMA encourages a diversity of candidates to apply---

1. Please check the category for which you are applying (sessions are contingent on enrollment):

- \_\_\_ **Regular Orientation\*\*** – for applicants that are not current NYSSMA adjudicators. A bachelor's degree in music and a minimum of one year full-time teaching experience (prior to 2018-19 school year) is required.
- \_\_\_ **Second Area Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **two** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **four** judging assignments in their primary area.
- \_\_\_ **All-State Orientation** – Candidate must be a NYSSMA adjudicator with a minimum of **four** festival seasons experience and a minimum of **eight** judging assignments in their primary area.
- \_\_\_ **Major Organizations** – Requirements: a minimum of eight (8) years of successful teaching/conducting experience in the desired area of orientation **and** NYSSMA solo (regular) adjudication orientation. Previous major organization adjudication experience (i.e., commercial festivals or college-university conducting) may waive the solo requirement.

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Cell phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Home address \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Home phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. School \_\_\_\_\_  
 School Address \_\_\_\_\_ 7. School phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 8. NYSSMA Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ 9. NafME ID # (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
 10a. Home E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 10b. School E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 11a. Major Instrument/Voice \_\_\_\_\_ 11b. Minor Instrument/Voice \_\_\_\_\_  
 12a. Signature \_\_\_\_\_ 12b. Date \_\_\_\_\_

13. Circle **one** area:  
**Brass, Percussion, Piano, Woodwind, String (Guitar), Voice, Instrumental Jazz (All-State only), Vocal Jazz (All-State only), Major Organization Instrumental, Major Organization Choral**

\*\*Regular Adjudicators are required to demonstrate knowledge on all instruments in their area of orientation.

All candidates: Complete the following on a separate sheet of paper.

- 14. Education and Private Study – schools, years, majors, degrees, teachers.
- 15a. Teaching Experience – schools, years, level of students.      15b. Performance Experience
- 16. Adjudication Experience – where, when, at a NYSSMA festival, age(s) and level(s) of students.
- 17. List the names and e-mail addresses of two NYSSMA members (non-related) who would endorse your application.
- 18. **Majors Candidates** – list ratings your groups have received at M.O. Festivals or comparable events.

\*\*\*\*Proof of current NafME card **MUST** be submitted with your application.  
 Proof may be in the form of: copy of NafME card, or printout of NafME member profile page.\*\*\*

Send, e-mail or fax application by March 1, 2019 to:	Michael Robertson, Director of Adjudicators 12 Torry Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075 <a href="mailto:robertsonmichael@verizon.net">robertsonmichael@verizon.net</a> fax: (716) 773-8991
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\*\*\*\* NYSSMA will provide overnight lodging for applicants, if desired. Please check here if you would like to request a hotel room for Friday night. \_\_\_\_\_



**NYSSMA FESTIVAL SCHEDULE -- 2019 -- ZONE 13 - NASSAU COUNTY**

Area	All-State Sector	Date	Notes	Host District	Festival Site	Host First	Host Lastname	email
1-3		May 13-14	Piano Only, no jazz piano	JR Sugar LIU Post Piano Festival	Fine Arts Center / LIU Post	Mr. Edmund	Chiarello	edmund.chiarello@liu.edu
1-3		March 15-16	Piano Only - no jazz piano	Great Neck	Great Neck North High School	Dr. Pamela	Levy	plevy@greatneck.k12.ny.us
1		March 25-26	Level 1-4 S/E	Manhasset	Manhasset High School	Dr. Anthony	Ambrosio	aaambrogio@manhassetsschools.org
1	13A	April 12-13	Level 5-6 S/E/AS	Herricks	Herricks HS	Ms. Anissa	Arnold	arnold@herricks.org
2		March 27-28	Level 1-6 S/E	Roslyn	Roslyn High School	Ms. Kathleen	Miller	KMiller@roslynsschools.org
3		March 22-23	Level 1-6 S/E	Sewanhaka	New Hyde Park Memorial	Mr. Noel	Monat	nmonat@sewanhakaschools.org
4	13C	May 17-18	Level 1-6 S/E/AS	Hicksville	Hicksville High School	Mr. Phil	Grusenmeyer	grusenmeyer@hicksvillepublicschools.org
5		March 15-16	Level 1-4, S/E	Oyster Bay East Norwich	Oyster Bay High School	Mr. Anthony	Femino	AFemino@Obensschools.org
5		March 8-9	Piano Only, no jazz piano	Jericho	Jericho High School	Ms. Kathryn	Behr	kbehr@jerichoschools.org
5	13B	May 10-11	Level 5-6 S/E/AS/AS JAZZ/ JAZZ VOICE/Harp	Syosset	Syosset HS	Mr. Michael	Salzman	msalzman@syossetsschools.org
6		May 7-8	Level 1-6 S/E	Hempstead	Hempstead High School	Mr. Angel	Perez	aperez@hempsteadschools.org
7		April 10-11	Level 1-6 S/E	Plainedge	Plainedge High School	Ms. Jessica	Yedwab-Strauss	jessica.yedwab@plainedgeschools.org
8	13E	May 3-4	Level 1-6 S/E/AS	Bellmore-Merrick	Merrick Avenue Middle School	Ms. Cheryl	Fontana	cfontana@bellmore-merrick.k12.ny.us
9		March 29-30	Level 1-6 S/E/ Classical Guitar	Uniondale	Uniondale High School	Mr. Kelvin	Jenkins	kjenkins@uniondaleschools.org
4 & 9-12		March 1-2	Piano Only, no jazz piano	Nassau Community College	NCC	Ms. Susan	Weber	nccpianofestival@gmail.com
10		April 2-3	Level 1-6 S/E	Hewlett-Woodmere	George W. Hewlett High School	Mr. Walter	Lastowski	wlastowski@hewlett-woodmere.net
11		March 19-20	Level 1-6 S/E	East Rockaway	East Rockaway High School	Mr. Peter	Ceglio	pcegljo@eastrockawayschools.org
12	13D	April 5-6	Level 1-6 S/E/AS	Oceanside	Oceanside High School	Mr. Robert	Brase	rbrase@oceansideschools.org
Major Org.		May 16-17	Instrumental only Majors	Mineola	Mineola	Mr. Joe	Owens	lowens@mineola.k12.ny.us
Major Org.		May 20-22	Instrumental and Choral Majors	Hofstra	Hofstra	Mr. Kevin	Bayen	Kbayen7@gmail.com

**NOTES:**

- Harp**s will be held in Nassau County at the Syosset Festival
- All State Jazz will be held at Syosset.
- Vocal Jazz will be held at Syosset.
- Classical Guitar will be held at Uniondale.
- If there are questions about what area or sector a school is in, this information is available on the NMEA and NYSSMA web sites.
- No Jazz Piano at Jericho, Great Neck, LIU Post, or NCC. Jazz Piano goes to a regular jazz room at any site.
- The Area 1-3 pianos -- Please check listing for your school at NYSSMA Website - Zone 13 Webpage
- Adjudicator Orientation will take place at the Uniondale Festival

## The 50 piece Band of Long Island...

...now in its 24th year invites your participation. Vacancies occur from time to time so it's a good idea to let us know you are there and interested. We'll put you on our sub list - the first step to membership. BOLI rehearses on Tuesday evening, 8:00 - 10:00 in the Band Room at Manhasset High School.

Questions? Please phone director Michael Flamhaft at (516) 829-8709. BOLI musicians are able to perform NYSSMA level 6 music with one rehearsal. To be added to the sub list, please phone Personnel Director Alex Marks at (516) 717-5523.

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**2018-2019**  
**AUDITION DATES**

October 27	January 19 vocalists
November 10	January 26 instrumentalists
December 8	February 16



Unitarian Universalist  
 Congregation at Shelter Rock  
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The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock congratulates last year's Edward Miller Memorial Music Scholarship recipients and their music educators.

- Jazz drummer and pianist James Paul Nadien graduated from Plainedge High School.
- Clarinetist Cara Noetzel graduated from Hicksville High School.

The scholarship is supported entirely by funds collected from members and friends of our congregation at our annual fundraiser, the Shelter Rock Cabaret.

This year, the 16th Annual Cabaret at the Rock is on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 7:00 PM.



*Recipients were awarded scholarships at a UUCSR Worship Service June 3, 2018.*

Information on scholarship guidelines, applications and more is available at [www.uucsr.org](http://www.uucsr.org).

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