

New York State School Music Association
NYSSMA Solo Festival Information 2016-17

TO: Music Students/Parents/Private Teachers

FROM: Peter Giroux, Director of Fine Arts

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo and Ensemble Festivals in which BH-BL students may participate are as follows:

- Piano Festival, at The College of Saint Rose, March 10-11, 2017
- Instrumental/Vocal Festival, at Bethlehem Middle School, April 7-8, 2017
 - This includes Conference All-State Auditions (except Jazz)
- Instrumental Jazz/Vocal Jazz Festival, at Farnsworth MS in Guilderland, June 2-3, 2017
 - This includes Conference Jazz All-State Auditions

Some important facts to remember and relate to your private music teacher are:

1. All participation fees are the responsibility of the students.

Piano

- Solo Levels 1-4: \$22.00
- Solo Levels 5, 6: \$30.00

Instrumental/Vocal and Jazz Instrumental/Jazz Vocal

- Solo Levels 1-4: \$16.00
- Solo Levels 5, 6: \$24.00
- All-State Solo Level 6: \$30.00 (must be accompanied, except Jazz)
- Ensemble Levels 1-4: \$16.00 (2-7 students) fee is per ensemble
- Ensemble Levels 5, 6: \$24.00 (2-7 students) fee is per ensemble

2. If you plan on auditioning for All-State, please note that an accompanist is required (except Jazz). Your music teacher will fill out an additional form that you will be required to sign.
3. Arrange for your accompanist immediately! (Pianos will be available for vocal and All-State solos only.) Your accompanist's name must be listed on application.
4. Have your teacher check and double check that your solo is listed in the current NYSSMA Manual.
5. No photocopies! Have an original copy of the solo for yourself and one for the adjudicator.

Attached are application forms for all three festivals. Please complete your application and return it to the District Fine Arts Office no later than the following **application deadlines**:

- Piano Festival at The College of Saint Rose - Friday, January 6, 2017
- Instrumental/Vocal Festival at Bethlehem MS - Friday, January 20, 2017
- Instrumental Jazz and Vocal Jazz Festival at Farnsworth MS – Friday, March 3, 2017

Your participation fee must accompany the application. **MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO BH-BL SCHOOLS. Return all completed forms and checks to the Fine Arts Office (high school) or to your music teacher.**

Checks made payable to another source will not be accepted.

If you are performing for rating, you must select your music from the NYSSMA Manual, Edition 31. There are copies of this manual in the Middle School Music Office and the District Fine Arts Office. Please do not ask to photocopy the NYSSMA Manual as this is copyrighted material. Please note that a new NYSSMA Manual went into effect July 1, 2015. There have been many changes since the last edition.

If you wish to be considered for **next year's Area All-State Festival (November), All-County Festival or any other local festival, it is strongly recommended that you perform in the solo festival this spring.** Entrance into the Area All-State Festival is based on the previous spring's solo rating.

Amount Paid
\$ _____
Date: _____
Ck# _____
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**NYSSMA FESTIVAL
BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE SCHOOLS
INSTRUMENTAL JAZZ & VOCAL JAZZ
APPLICATION FORM**

_____ makes application to participate in the
Name (Please Print)

NYSSMA Jazz Solo Festival to take place June 2nd & 3rd, 2017 at Farnsworth MS in Guilderland.

Address	City	State	Zip Code	Home Phone Number
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Grade	Age	School Building
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I wish to perform a Jazz solo: **Instrument** _____ **Voice** _____ (part)

The NYSSMA Level is _____

I wish to compete for Conference All-State. For students in Grades 10 and 11 only. Solo must be level 6.

Scheduling request (if necessary):

* My preferred audition time is _____.
(Day - AM/PM)

* I **must** audition on _____ or will not be able to participate.
(Day - AM/PM)

(All requests will be filled to the best of our ability, but no time can be guaranteed.)

School Music Teacher _____ at Building _____

Private Teacher _____ Private Teacher's Phone _____

Your Email _____

All information on this sheet must be complete or it will be returned to you.

The DEADLINE for **application** and **fee** is **Friday, March 3, 2017.**

Checks should be made payable to **BH-BL Schools.** Please pay the exact amount--there will be no refunds.

Amount Paid
\$ _____
Date: _____
Ck# _____
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NYSSMA FESTIVAL
BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE SCHOOLS

INSTRUMENTAL/VOCAL
APPLICATION FORM

Students Check One
 Solo
 Ensemble
A separate form must be completed for each category!

_____ makes application to participate in the
Name (Please Print)

NYSSMA Solo Festival to take place April 7th & 8th, 2017 at Bethlehem MS.

_____ Address City State Zip Code Home Phone Number

Check **one** box below: **A separate form must be completed for each category!**

_____ Grade Age School Building

I wish to perform a solo: **Instrument** _____ **Voice** _____ (part)

The NYSSMA Level is _____

I wish to compete for Conference All-State. For students in Grades 10 and 11 only. Solo must be level 6.

Must use accompanist. **My accompanist will be** _____
(Please Print)

I wish to play in an ensemble. Please see instructions for ensemble fees.

_____ (Describe Ensemble)

Scheduling request (if necessary):

* My preferred audition time is _____
(Day - AM/PM)

* I **must** audition on _____ or will not be able to participate.
(Day - AM/PM)

(All requests will be filled to the best of our ability, but no time can be guaranteed.)

School Music Teacher _____ at Building _____

Private Teacher _____ Private Teacher's Phone _____

Your Email _____

All information on this sheet must be complete or it will be returned to you.

The DEADLINE for **application and fee** is **Friday, January 20, 2017.**

Checks should be made payable to **BH-BL Schools.** Please pay the exact amount--there will be no refunds.

Amount Paid
\$ _____
Date _____
Ck# _____
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**NYSSMA FESTIVAL
BURNT HILLS-BALLSTON LAKE SCHOOLS**

**PIANO
APPLICATION FORM**

_____ makes application to participate in the
Name (Please Print)

NYSSMA Piano Festival to take place March 10th & 11th, 2017, at The College of Saint Rose.

Address	City	State	Zip Code	Home Phone Number
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Grade	Age	School Building
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I wish to perform a piano solo. **The NYSSMA Level is** _____

Scheduling request (if necessary):

* My preferred audition time is _____.
(Day - AM/PM)

* I **must** audition on _____ or will not be able to participate.
(Day - AM/PM)

(All requests will be filled to the best of our ability, but no time can be guaranteed.)

School Music Teacher _____ at Building _____

Private Teacher _____ Private Teacher's Phone _____

Your Email _____

All information on this sheet must be complete or it will be returned to you.

The DEADLINE for **application** and **fee** is **Friday, January 6, 2017.**

Checks should be made payable to **BH-BL Schools.** Please pay the exact amount--there will be no refunds.

Audition information will be forwarded to you via your school music teacher approximately 2 weeks prior to the festival. Please make sure you have listed your **school and school music teacher.**