

**New York State School Music Association**  
**NYSSMA Solo Festival Information 2018-19**

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 8-9, 2019
- Instrumental/Vocal Festival, at Schalmont HS, April 5-6, 2019
  - This includes Conference All-State Auditions (except Jazz)
- Instrumental Jazz/Vocal Jazz Festival, at Shenendehowa HS East in Clifton Park, May 17-18, 2019
  - 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 4, 2019
- Instrumental/Vocal Festival at Schalmont HS - Friday, January 18, 2019
- Instrumental Jazz and Vocal Jazz Festival at Shenendehowa HS East - Friday, February 15, 2019

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 32. 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, 2018. 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 at Shenendehowa HS East in Clifton Park, May 17-18, 2019.

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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, February 15, 2019.**

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 at Schalmont HS, April 5-6, 2019.

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)

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School Music Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ at Building \_\_\_\_\_

Private Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Private Teacher's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email \_\_\_\_\_

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The DEADLINE for **application** and **fee** is **Friday, January 18, 2019.**

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\$ _____
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 at The College of Saint Rose, March 8-9, 2019.

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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 4, 2019.**

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.**