



WCSMA

Westchester County School Music Association

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President's Message

Dear WCSMA members,

A sincere end of year THANK YOU to all! In addition to all you do in your professional and personal life, you found time to volunteer in service of our county's music students. Many helped at this past fall's Area All-State festival, at this spring's All-County Festivals, or at our High School Jazz Festival. Some made the trip to Albany or Rochester for NYSSMA's statewide conventions, attended the WCSMA open house in October or helped at one or all of our NYSSMA festivals. Without you and many volunteer hours these events would not be possible, as music educators we join together to provide the best possible experience for our students. Thank you.

Please read forward to find our WCSMA calendar for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. A few important dates:

1. The 2018 Area All-State concert at SUNY is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018.
2. The All-County instrumental audition dates will be announced on our website and by email when the dates and times are finalized.
3. The rotation of All-County for 2019 has the All-County Bands performing at SUNY Purchase PAC on Saturday, March 2, and the All-County Orchestras performing on Sunday, March 3. The All-County Chorus will remain on Saturday, as usual.

Please join me in thanking board members: Lisa Dwyer, All-County Band Coordinator; Giocille Shaw, Chorus Coordinator; Suzanne Forman, Corresponding Secretary; and Caitlin Corvini, Membership Chairperson. These people complete their terms of service this June and have led by example, giving their time and talents.

Thank you to Ed Reisert and Erica Denler

for chairing the Area All-State Choirs. The festivals led by these chair people have given our students world-class experiences they would not have had otherwise. Thank you for your generous contributions of time and talent over the years.

Join me in warmly welcoming our newest WCSMA board members! Jaime Stroffolino of Lakeland High School. He has started his term as Area All State Coordinator 2018-2020 this past January. Suzanne Forman leaves her position as recording secretary and moves to the position of WCSMA 2018-20 President-Elect. Regina Talbot of New Rochelle joins the board as All-County Choral Coordinator 2018-20. Dana Celestino of Armonk joins us as Recording Secretary. Thomas J Bastone of Ossining has agreed to take over the second year as membership chair as Caitlin Corvini of Rye Neck moves to the position of All-County Band Coordinator. Thank you to all our newest board members, we look forward to working together!

Thank you for sending your nominations for the Administrator of the Year Award and the Milton A. Williams Scholarship. The Board of Directors voted to recognize Dr. Seth Weitzman, Principal of Mamaroneck's Hommocks Middle School for his outstanding support of music education. This year we are also thanking Gary West and the White Plains Music Department for all they have done to help our county's music programs. The White Plains district's music department led by Gary has opened their doors to help house whatever festival, rehearsal or meeting that was needed. Join us as we say thank you and acknowledge their dedication and support of our countywide music programs.

Our 2018 Milton A. Williams Summer Music Study Scholarship recipients are Katherine Czerwinski, a member of Peekskill HS' choir; Lucas Legan, a viola student at Dobbs Ferry HS and Cori Lee Trenzcer, a cello student at Sleepy Hollow High School. Meet and honor these young award winners

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along with our retiring colleagues at WCSMA's End-of-Year Dinner on Tuesday, May 29. If you haven't yet submitted your reservation, please do so as soon as possible. The information follows below.

John Catoliato is leaving the board after six years of presidency. John served 2 years as President-Elect, two as President, and two as Past President. I would like to publicly thank John for his friendship, his help, and his good-humored guidance. If ever there was a perfect mentor, muse and all around great person, John has been it. Thank you, John.

My 2-year tenure as WCSMA President ends this June. My last duty is to happily welcome incoming 2018-2020 WCSMA President, Janet Corvini. Janet and I have worked together for the past two years, and I am proud to now call her friend. Please join me in welcoming and supporting Janet in all she does.

Over the past two years, I have watched with deep respect and admiration the skill, joy, and care each of you brings to your students. I have been truly honored to serve as WCSMA President. Best wishes to all as you finish the school year. I hope the months ahead afford you time to relax and recharge with family and friends.

Wishing you a summer of rest, good health and good music.

Nancy Torrente
WCSMA President

WCSMA Awards & Retirement Dinner

Dear WCSMA Members,

**Come and join us at the WCSMA Awards Dinner,
honoring our retirees, Administrator of the Year, and our
Milton A. Williams Scholarship winners!**

Reasons to attend!

- We are honoring our Administrators of the Year: Dr. Seth Weitzman, Principal of Hommocks Middle School, of the Mamaroneck School District, and Mr. Gary West, Director of Fine Arts and the White Plains High School Music Department, of the White Plains City School District.
- We have three deserving high school students, from Dobbs Ferry, Peekskill and Sleepy Hollow, each receiving \$500.00 scholarships for summer study in music. Let's have a full audience for these students receiving awards!
- Join us to honor our colleagues who are retiring this year.
- We will be recognizing our outgoing and incoming Board of Directors. If you are considering becoming involved in the future activities of WCSMA and the Board, this is a great opportunity to come see what it's all about.
- COME catch up with colleagues from Westchester County and celebrate the start of summer!

Use the Google form in the above right-box to place your reservation.

Details:

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
Sam's of Gedney Way
50 Gedney Way,
White Plains, NY 10605

6pm cocktail hour/cash bar
7pm dinner

\$25 WCSMA MEMBERS
\$50 GENERAL PUBLIC

To Place your Reservation

[CLICK HERE](#)

WCSMA member Retirees and a Guest are our honored guests and do not need to pay for the evening.

Send checks made out to WCSMA by May 22nd! Unfortunately, because of the number of unpaid no-shows at last year's dinner, if your check is not received by May 22nd, I will not be holding your reservation. If you have an extenuating circumstance, please simply email me.

Best wishes to all as we close out the 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,

Janet Corvini

WCSMA President-Elect

jcorvini@wcsma.org

NYSSMA Highlights

A Fantastic NYSSMA season!

Over 5700 individual solo orchestra, band and choir performances from around the county were adjudicated this season!

Thank you to our zone rep, Tom Arduini, and the following people for hosting Successful NYSSMA Festivals!

Down County Festival

Ken Kraut and the Port Chester Music Department

Up County Festival

Carlo Campano and the Westlake Music Department

Majors Festival

Ed Reisert and Sara Matthews and the Bedford Music Department

Piano Festival (June 1-2)

Darrin Grimm and the Lakeland Music Department

NYSSMA Representative

Tom Arduini

We encourage music educators to be members of their professional organizations. Included with the NYSSMA membership is an automatic membership in our national organization—NafME.

The **NEW** NYSSMA manuals will be effective this summer, starting July 2018.

Order your new NYSSMA manual by clicking

[HERE](#)

Let's also welcome Nancy Torrente as our new NYSSMA Zone 11 Representative! Her term will begin in August.

Lastly, I hope to see you at the NYS Summer Music Conference in Albany.

[Click Here](#) for more info about the conference!

Board of Directors

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Caitlin Corvini

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Marna Ellen Weiss

Kimberly Dunkin

Kathleen Coletta Feldman

Bernie Klinger

Stephanie Merkado-Weiss

All-County Band Coordinator

Lisa Sable Dwyer

It is with careful consideration and much deliberation that I have decided not to return as the Elementary and Intermediate All-County Band Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year. I would like to thank the WCSMA board and my two chairs, Elliot Semel (Elementary Band chairperson) and Caitlin Corvini (Intermediate Band chairperson with the assistance of Janet Corvini), for their hours of help over the past six years. I also want to recognize the great work of our in-county elementary conductor Terry Reynolds, as well as our guest intermediate conductor Jason Orsen. I want to acknowledge the Croton-Harmon School District and the Chappaqua School District for use of their facilities for audition and rehearsal space, as well as the outstanding staff at SUNY Purchase who helped to keep our performances running smoothly. Lastly, it would have been impossible to run the Elementary All-County auditions as well as each rehearsal/concert without the assistance of countless band directors across the county. It is because of your dedication to the students of Westchester that each festival has run so smoothly and hundreds of children have had a positive experience. Your help has been greatly appreciated and you have my heartfelt thanks for making this another very successful year.

Do you have a great colleague in mind to conduct our fine students? Caitlin Corvini is currently accepting nominations and letters of intent for the 2018 All-County Band Festival. This year the elementary conductor will be a WCSMA member and the intermediate conductor will be an outside guest. As always your thoughts, referrals and volunteering is appreciated. Submissions should include a letter of intent from the conductor, resume and/or bio and be e-mailed to ccorvini@wcsma.org.

All-County Choral Coordinator

Giocille Shaw

I am forever grateful to Kat Hughes of Pleasantville, and Gail Persad of Sleepy Hollow, for volunteering their expertise and patience, which allowed all of the choral rehearsals to enjoy productivity and joyful music making. Several teachers from Mamaroneck, Somers and Scarsdale pitched in on concert day to keep the Intermediate choir warmed up and ready to follow the elementary choir. I am so appreciative of their professionalism and generosity, as well as the contributions of all of the teachers throughout the rehearsal process. A big thank you to Maria Abeshouse of Pelham, who led our elementary choir, and Andrea Maas, who led our Intermediate choir, and to Kimberly Dunkin and Dan Forman for their support at the piano.

WCSMA would like to welcome Regina Talbot as the Elementary and Intermediate All-County Choral Coordinator for the next two years. We thank Regina and her colleagues in New Rochelle for undertaking this important role. The 2019 Elementary choir will be led by a guest conductor, while the Intermediate choir will be led by one of our own members. Please forward all interests to Regina Talbot in New Rochelle.

I encourage all of you to get involved and lend your talent to our deserving students. Volunteering through WCSMA has given me a greater sense of the musical community we all care for, and has introduced me to so many fantastic colleagues. I would like to thank all of the participating teachers for their support during the past two years.

Please return choral music to Giocille Shaw, Claremont Elementary, 2 Claremont Road, Ossining, NY 10562.

WCSMA All-County Information

All-County Jazz Coordinator James Mullen

Greetings Jazz band directors. I hope you all had wonderful spring concerts or are about to have yours.

Thank you all for another wonderful all-county Jazz festival and congratulations to all of its participants. This festival would not be possible without the help of a number of wonderful teachers. Thank you so much to our amazing guest conductors Gary Smulyan and Matthew Hilgenberg. The knowledge and expertise they added to each rehearsal brought the very best out of each musician. A big thank you to all our jazz judges Dave Brandom, Jeremy Udden, Dave Church, Chris Stelluti, All Torrente, Dan Brown, Alan Goidel, Howard Levy, Jeremy Franze, Steph Chinn, Adam Weber, and Jason Anderson. I would also like to give a special thank you to Elyse Gellert, John Catoliato and Alan Goidel. Their willingness to go beyond the work day and their love of what they do was evident in every part of this festival from the auditions through the concert.

I am happy to announce that we have our dates set for next years' All-County Jazz festival. We have our auditions planned for Saturday, January 5th 2019 from (9am-12:30pm). All parts of the festival will once again take place at Hommocks Middle School in Larchmont. Our concert is planned for Friday March 15th 2019 at 7:30pm.

Congratulations to all our Westchester graduating seniors and good luck in the fall. Good luck with the rest of the school year and please encourage your students to come audition in January!!!!

All-County String Coordinator Jacquelyn Stroffolino

Congratulations to all on another successful All-County Orchestra Festival.

A special thanks to our chairpeople, Jaclyn Lieto, Jessica Yeung, and Katelyn Odierna; our conductors, Sue Colgan-Borrer, Joseph Phillips, and Thomas Bastone; Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School for hosting auditions, Seven Bridges Middle School for hosting the pre-rehearsals, and SUNY Purchase for a wonderful performance weekend; the WCSMA Board for continued collaboration and support; and to all of the teachers who helped at auditions, rehearsals, and the performance.

Our Westchester County students are so fortunate to have teachers like all of you who support their learning and contribute to these extra-special experiences.

Auditions for the 2019 Elementary All-County Orchestra, and Junior All-County Orchestra have a tentative date of Thursday, November 15, 2018. The location is still being determined - more details to follow soon, please continue to check the WCSMA website for updates.

Attached is the solo audition list for the 2018-19 school year. Please review it carefully. **All solos are from the NYSSMA manual edition XXVII, EFFECTIVE JULY 2003, not the new manual.** As of this date, all of the solos are in print.

Please Note: solos selected for the WCSMA ELEMENTARY ALL COUNTY AUDITIONS may not include all required movements for the NYSSMA solo adjudication festival.

Teachers are responsible to check the solo requirements for their students who will be attending the NYSSMA solo evaluation festival in the spring. Do not assume that the WCSMA audition piece will be acceptable as is.

Students who audition will also be required to prepare 5 Major scales and a one-octave chromatic scale. At the audition, the student will perform three of the Major scales plus the chromatic scale, ascending and descending, one octave apiece. There is also a sight reading component to the audition. Percussionists must prepare the following rudiments: buzz roll, 5 stroke roll, 9 stroke roll, flams, flam taps and paradiddles.

Please remember that photocopies of solos are not allowed at any WCSMA or NYSSMA auditions. It is recommended that the student bring two original copies of the music and give one to the adjudicator to use. A piano score with solo part on it is acceptable for the second copy.

Please be advised:

- 1. DO NOT ASSUME NYSSMA requirements to be exactly the same as those for WCSMA Elementary Auditions. CHECK - ESPECIALLY FOR MULTI-MOVEMENT WORKS.**
2. Most solos are listed in NYSSMA MANUAL EDITION XXVII (27) effective July 2003
3. Single solos might also appear in collections.

PICCOLO

Handel, G.F.: **Sonata in g minor HWV 360**
(1st mvt. – Adagio, 4th mvt - Presto).
Any standard Edition

FLUTE

Handel, G.F.: **Sonata in g minor, HWV 360**
(1st mvt - Adagio, 2nd mvt - Andante).
Any Standard Edition.

OBOE

Bach, J.S./Dishinger, R.: **Menuet in G**
Anna Magdalena Bach Notebook.
Medici Music Press

BASSOON

Handel, G./Dishinger, R.:
Allegro from Concerto Grosso, Op. 3 #4.
Medici Music Press

Bb CLARINET

Simon, E.: Mozart, W. A.: **TRIO (No. 14)**
from First Classics for Clarinet. G. Schirmer

ALTO CLARINET

Ostransky, I.: **Lyric Piece.** Hal Leonard

BASS CLARINET

Bach, J.S.: **Sarabande and Bourree** from
Concert and Contest Collection for Bb Bass Clarinet. Rubank

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Haydn, J./Teal. L.: **Minuet** from *Solos for the Alto Saxophone.* G. Schirmer

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Mozart, W./Dishinger, R.: **Presto**
from Divertimento #12. Medici Music Press

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Leonard, B.: **Happy Valley.**
Classic Festival Solos

TRUMPET

Anderson L.: **A Trumpeter's Lullaby.**
Warner Brothers

FRENCH HORN

Purcell/Buchtel: **Nymphs and Shepherds.**
Kjos

TROMBONE

Vandercook: **Emerald.** Rubank

BARITONE HORN -

This is published in Bass Clef only.
Vandercook: **Ruby.** Rubank

TUBA

Bach, J.S. /Dishinger, R.:
Minuet in G Major. Medici Music

**Percussionists must prepare the following rudiments: buzz roll, 5 stroke roll, 9 stroke roll, flams, flam taps and paradiddles.*

***SNARE DRUM (2012-2013) Level 3**

Schinstine, W.: **Doodlers Delight**
from Southern Special Drum Solos.
Southern Music Co.

***TIMPANI (2012-2013) Level 2**

Brown, T. **Timp-tation**
from Timp Hits.
Kendor Music

***MALLETS INSTRUMENTS (2012-2013) Level 2**

Schinstine, W.: **Grand Ballroom Waltz.**
Kendor Music

Elementary All-County Orchestra (grades 4-5)**SCALES**

Violin, Viola, Cello: Prepare 1 two-octave scale and 2 one-octave scales that demonstrate your level of proficiency on the instrument Perform the two-octave scale and both one-octave scales

Bass: Prepare and perform 2 one-octave scales - D and G Major

OPTION 1

All string instruments

Etling, Solo Time for Strings Book III: Haydn Melodies pg. 1

OPTION 2

VIOLIN: Kuchler, F: Concertino, Op. 11 in G, Mvt. 3

VIOLA: Etling, Solo Time for Strings Book II, American Songs

CELLO: Applebaum, Progressive Solos for String Instruments, Rigaudon, (Peter Lee of Putney) pg. 6

DOUBLE BASS: Choose one of the following Applebaum, String Festival Solos vol. 1, Handel, G: Sarabande and Minuet 1 OR Applebaum, String Festival Solos vol. 1, Brian, Arthur: March of the Giants

SIGHT READING

The Elementary Orchestra Audition will be equivalent to NYSSMA level 2 sight-reading requirement (see blue pages of your NYSSMA manual)

Junior All-County String Orchestra (grades 6-7)**SCALES**

Please note the revised scale requirements.

Violin, Viola, and Cello: Prepare 2 two-octave scales and 5 one-octave scales. Perform both two-octave scales and 1 one-octave scale

Bass: Prepare 1 two-octave scale and 6 one-octave scales Perform the two-octave scale and 2 one-octave scales

SOLO SELECTION

VIOLIN: deBeriot/Etling, Air Varie, from Solo Time for Strings Book IV

VIOLA: Martini, Gavotte, from Suzuki Book III

CELLO: Schubert/Etling, Ballet Music from Solo Time for Strings- Cello, Book III

DOUBLE BASS: Buchtel, Home on the Range, Kjos Music Company

SIGHT READING

The Junior Orchestra Audition will be equivalent to NYSSMA level 3 sight-reading requirement (see blue pages of your NYSSMA manual)

WCSMA Open House

October (Date TBD)

2018 NAFME

National In-Service Conference

November 10 - 14, 2018

Dallas, TX

2018 NYSSMA® Winter Conference

November 29 - December 2, 2018

Rochester Convention Center

Rochester, NY

All-County Band & Orchestra Rehearsal #1

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

(Snow Date Thur., Feb. 7)

Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

All-County Chorus Rehearsal #2

Monday, February 25, 2019

(Snow Date Wed. Feb. 27)

Sleepy Hollow HS

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal #1

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

(Snow Date - Thurs., February 14, 2019)

Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal #2

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

(Snow Date - Tues., March 14, 2019)

Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck

6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal #3

Wednesday March 13, 2019

(Snow Date—Thurs., March 14, 2019)

Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck

6:30 - 9:30 PM

(Snow Date, TBA)

Senior High

All-County Jazz Concert

Friday, March 15, 2019

Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck

7:30 PM

(Clinic 6:00 PM -7:15 PM)

NYSSMA ZONE 11 FESTIVAL 2019 DATES

NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Evaluation Festival (Up-County)

TBD

NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Evaluation Festival (Down-County)

TBD

NYSSMA Majors

TBD

NYSSMA Piano Festival

TBD

AREA ALL-STATE

Area All-State Rehearsal #1

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

White Plains High School

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Rehearsal #2

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

White Plains High School

4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Festival

Thursday, November 8, 2018

SUNY Purchase

Rehearsal #3 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Concert 8:00 PM

BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHORUS ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL DATES

All-County Elementary & Junior Strings Auditions - TBD

All-County Elementary Band Auditions - TBD

All-County Chorus Rehearsal #1

Monday, February 4, 2019

(Snow date Wed., Feb. 6)

Sleepy Hollow HS

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

All-County Band & Orchestra Rehearsal #2

Thursday, February 28, 2019

(Snow Date Fri., March 1)

Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Band and Choral Rehearsal #3 & Concert

Saturday, March 2, 2019

SUNY Purchase

Performing Arts Center

Band Rehearsal #3 - 8:15 AM

Band Concert 11:00 AM

Choral Rehearsal #3 - 1:00 PM

Choral Concert 4:00 PM

Orchestra

Rehearsal #3 & Concert

Sunday, March 3, 2019

SUNY Purchase

Performing Arts Center

Orchestra Rehearsal #3 - 8:15 AM

Orchestra Concert 11:00 AM

SR. HIGH ALL-COUNTY JAZZ FESTIVAL DATES

All-County Jazz Band Auditions

Saturday, January 5, 2019

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck

(Snow Date Mon., 1/7 at 3:30PM)