

WCSMA

Westchester County School Music Association

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Dear WCSMA members,

It has been quite a school year for all of us and I'm sure you are counting down the days to summer vacation! We had a rough start with the cancellation of the Area All State Festival, but we finished strong with our successful All County Festivals and NYSSMA solo evaluations. I want to thank all of you who helped out at these events. We couldn't do it without all of you!

Thank you for sending in your nominations for the Administrator of the Year Award and for the Milton A. Williams Scholarships for summer music study. The Board of Directors voted to award two administrators for their outstanding contributions to music education. The *School Administrator of the Year Award* will be presented to Mr. John Griffiths, Principal of Somers Intermediate School. The most striking part of the nomination for Mr. Griffiths was his fearless letter to his faculty, in response to a comment made against

music education, in which he stressed the importance of music's place in the curriculum. The *District Administrator of the Year Award* will be presented to Ms. Annie Ward, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction in the Mamaroneck School District. The Board was impressed by Ms. Ward's dedication to the music department and the lengths she took to get to know what it is that music educators do for their students. Our scholarship recipients are Olivia Ottinger, a student at Somers High School, and Boris Morocho, a student at Ossining High School. Please consider meeting these extraordinary people at our End-of-Year/Retirement dinner on June 17. If you haven't yet sent in your reservation, please do so as soon as you can.

We also have a slate of retirees to celebrate at this event. If you are retiring this year, or know of a WCSMA member who is retiring, please let me know as soon as possible. Honoring our retiring

members is a very special part of the celebration on June 17. We wouldn't want to miss anyone!

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Board of Directors for their efforts this year, especially to John Catoliato and Bill Eckfeld, who kept everything in order as I was out on parental leave of absence this winter. My transitions were seamless because of you and I am most grateful. I am sad to say goodbye to two of our Board members this June. Our Zone Representative, Adam Shatraw, and our Treasurer, Micah Sprague, will be moving on to other pursuits. You will be greatly missed, but we wish you well in your future endeavors.

Best wishes to all of you as you close out the school year. I hope to see many of you at our End of Year/Retirement dinner.

-Kathleen Coletta Feldman

WCSMA Calendar of Events 2013-2014

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
WCSMA Open House
 Sam's of Gedney Way, White Plains
 4:00-6:00 PM
 (Board of Dir. Meeting to follow)

Wednesday, October 23, 2013
Area All-State Pre-Rehearsal
 White Plains High School
 4:00- 9:15 PM

Wednesday, November 6, 2013
Area All-State Rehearsal
 White Plains High School
 4:00-9:15 PM

Thursday, November 7, 2013
Area All-State Rehearsal
 SUNY Purchase
 9:00AM-3:30PM
Concert 8:00 PM

BAND, ORCHESTRA, CHORUS ALL-COUNTY FESTIVAL DATES

Saturday, November 16, 2013
 (Snow Date Sat., November 23)
Elementary All-County String Auditions
 Mamaroneck Avenue School
 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Saturday, November 23, 2013
 (Snow Date Sat., December 14)
Elementary All-County Band Auditions
 PVC Middle School, Croton
 8:30 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, February 11, 2014
 (Snow Date Thurs., Feb. 13)
All-County Band/Orch Reh
 Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
 3:30 - 6:30

Date pending
All-County Chorus Rehearsal
 Sleepy Hollow HS
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2014
 (Snow Date Wed., March 5)
All-County Chorus Rehearsal
 Sleepy Hollow HS
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2014
 (Snow Date Fri., March 7)
All-County Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
 Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 8, 2014
Elementary and Intermediate All-County Music Festival
 SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center
 Orchestra Concert 11:00 AM
 Choral Concert 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 9, 2014
Elementary and Intermediate All-County Music Festival
 SUNY Purchase Performing Arts Center
 Band Concert 11:00 AM

SENIOR HIGH ALL-COUNTY JAZZ FESTIVAL DATES

Saturday, January 4, 2014
All-County Jazz Band Auditions
 Location TBA
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 (Snow Date Monday, Jan. 6,
 3:30 - 7:30 PM)

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014
 (Snow Date Thurs., Feb. 6)
All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014
 (Snow Date Thurs. Feb. 27)
All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb, 26, 2014
 (Snow Date Thurs Feb, 27)
All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal
 Location TBA
 6:30 - 9:30 PM

Friday, Feb. 28, 2014
Senior High All-County Jazz Concert
 (Snow Date TBA)
 Location TBA
 8:00 p.m. (Clinic 6:15-7:15)

2014, Dates TBA
NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Evaluation Festival (Down-County)

Friday, April 25 & Saturday, April 26, 2014
NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Evaluation Festival (Up-County)
 Horace Greeley HS, Chappaqua

2014, Dates TBA
NYSSMA Piano Festival

NYSSMA Majors (Instrumental)

WESTCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION END-OF-THE-YEAR/RETIREMENT DINNER

AT

SAM'S OF GEDNEY WAY
(The Private Oak Room)

52 Gedney Way
White Plains, NY 10605

ON

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013
6 PM Cocktail Hour/Appetizers
7 PM Dinner

Come and join us at the WCSMA End-of-the-Year dinner, honoring our retirees, *Administrator of the Year*, and our *Milton A. Williams Scholarship* winners. In addition, we will recognize our outgoing and incoming Board of Directors.

The price for the dinner is \$50.00 per person, which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, and **unlimited wine, beer, and soda**. There will be a cash bar for mixed drinks.

RETURN THE FORM BELOW WITH A CHECK,
PAYABLE TO WCSMA

BY
JUNE 5, 2013

NAME: _____
The dinner buffet will include fish, pasta, meat, and vegetable entrees.

PHONE: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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FROM OUR CHORAL COORDINATOR

ENCORE! This year's All County Chorus Festival was a huge success as we noted by the record attendance in the audience! Our students benefited from the excellent instruction and coaching of their conductors, John Cuk and Jennifer Rafferty. Please be on the watch for updates on next year's festival schedule on the website.

We already have guest conductor resumes and cover letters coming in to work with the intermediate singers. Any and all recommendations you have are welcome. Are you ready to share your expertise with the young singers of Westchester? The 2014 Festival will feature one of our own to conduct the elementary group. Please send a letter of intent and your resume to sdepaola@wcsma.org if you are interested.

Don't forget that the WCSMA Choral Library is available for your music borrowing needs. If you have any outstanding pieces that need to be returned please contact me so we have them for the future (especially music from this past festival).

Thank you all for your hard work and attention during an extremely busy time of year for all of us! Best of luck with your spring concerts and end of the year events!

- Sheila DePaola

Do you have a great colleague in mind to conduct our fine students? Lisa Sable is currently accepting nominations and letters of intent for the 2014 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 lsable@wcsma.org.

FROM OUR BAND AND ORCHESTRA COORDINATORS

We want to thank and congratulate everyone who helped with the All-County Band and Orchestra Festivals. Special thanks to the chairpersons: Elliot Semel, Elementary Band Chair, Ira Jenkins, Intermediate Band Chair, Kathryn Concra, Elementary Orchestra Chair and Kathy Shelhart, Intermediate Orchestra Chair. We also want to recognize the great work of our in-county elementary conductors John Voss and Chris Melito, as well as our guest intermediate conductors Frank Camiola and Andrew Pease. We also want to acknowledge the Mamaroneck UFSD, Croton-Harmon School District and the Chappaqua School District for use of their facilities for audition and rehearsal spaces, and to the outstanding staff at SUNY Purchase who helped to keep our performances running smoothly. There were many other people who also gave their time and effort, you know who you are, and you have our heartfelt thanks for making this a very successful year.

-Lisa Sable, Katherine Sinsabaugh

FROM OUR JAZZ COORDINATOR

I'm happy to report that this year's All-County Jazz Festival was a fairly successful one. In spite of the fact that the concert was again held the week of many districts' Spring Musicals, we were able to have both an A and a B Band, as well as 2 guest bands. In an effort to generate some excitement in the lower grades we opened the guest band auditions to one Middle School and one High School. The Middle School group chosen was the Fox Lane Middle School Jazz Band under the direction of Joey Berkley and they were just outstanding! Ken Jernigan's Hasting

High School jazz Ensemble was the other guest band and they also performed with energy and precision. The B-Band was conducted by saxophonist Matt Hong, who led them through a challenging set of arrangements by, among others, Quincy Jones and Duke Ellington. Trumpeter Tony Kadleck conducted the A-Band, playing his arrangements which included songs by Stevie Wonder and Miles Davis.

But the main reason the concert was a success was because Bradley Morrison volunteered to host the entire Festival at Ossining High School, free of charge. Thanks to Bradley and the Ossining School District for stepping up! I'd also like to thank Joey Berkley, Ken Jernigan, conductors, Matt and Tony, Tim Hooker [for his guidance in making this, my first Festival run smoothly], Micah Sprague, John Catoliato and Kathleen Coletta, and all of the judges: Dan Brown, Howard Levy, Alan Goidel, David Church, Matt Hilgenberg, Ron Vincent, Adam Weber, Erick Storckman, John Sergenian and Jim Mullen.

In order to increase participation in next year's Festival, we will be holding it earlier than in the past. The 2014 All-County jazz Festival will be held on Friday, February 28th! It is our hope that by avoiding the Spring Musical season in March, more students and band directors will take part in the All-County Jazz Festival going forward. Auditions will be January 4, the rehearsals will be February 5, 25, 26 and the concert on February 28. Please mark your calendars! We will also have one Middle School and one High School guest band again.

Have a great summer everyone!

-David Brandom

2013-2014 WCSMA ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY SOLO AUDITION LIST

Attached, please find the elementary all-county audition list for the 2013-2014 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 3 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.

ELEMENTARY AUDITION SOLO LIST FOR 2013-2014

PICCOLO

Bizet, G/Maganini, Q: Minuet l'Arlesienne Suite #1 Edition Musicus.
Listed and published as a flute solo

FLUTE

Handel, G.F.: Sonata #5 in F Major HWV360 (Allegro only)

OBOE

Cui: Orientale. (Oboe Solos) Amsco Pub./Neil A. Kjos Pub.

BASSOON

Handel, G. Sarabande Concerto in f minor. Ludwig Pub.

Bb CLARINET

Langenus, G. Chrysalis. Carl Fischer

ALTO CLARINET

Phillips, H: **Eight Bel Canto Songs** (1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, **Any 1**) Shawnee Press

BASS CLARINET

Whitney, M: **Clarinata**. Spratt Music Publishers.

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Vivaldi/Mauk, S: **Andante & Allegro** Medici Masterworks or Alto Sax. Vol. II

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Level 2 Handel, G./Barr, R. **Sarabande**. Ludwig Pub.

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Mozart, W./Voxman, H: **Menuetto Divertimento No. 1** Rubank

TRUMPET

Handel, G./Fitzgerald, B: **Aria and Bourree**. Theodore Presser

FRENCH HORN

Jones, M. **The Ash Grove and Dusky Night**. (First solos for the horn player). Schirmer.

TROMBONE

Lully/Felix C.: Dances for the King (Must play Bourree and 1 other) Edition Musicus

BARITONE HORN

Pearson/ Kirnberger/Eledge: **Menuett**. Standard of Excellence Festival Solos

TUBA

Bell, W. **Haydn Medley**. Belwin Mills/Warner Bros.

SNARE DRUM

Schinstine, W.J.: **Southern Special** Southern Special Drum Solos

TIMPANI

Noak, F. Classical Timpani March. Music for Percussion Pub.

MALLET INSTRUMENTS

Brown, T.: **Clownin' Around**. Mallet Percussion: The Competition Collection. Warner Bros.

VIOLIN

Air Varie, deBeriot/Etling, from *Solo Time for Strings* book IV, Etling

VIOLA

Gavotte, Martini, from Suzuki book III

CELLO

Ballet Music, Schubert/Etling, Solo Time for Strings book III

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