

# WCSMA

## *Westchester County School Music Association*

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Another school year is rapidly coming to a close, and I'm sure that you are counting down the days to summer vacation! This has been another great year for the music students of Westchester County. Our Area All-State Festival went off without a hitch, followed closely by the All-County Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz Concerts. The NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble evaluations have come and gone, and we are all looking forward to June when we can close the books on all of those successful events and revel in the memory of great performances. To all who pitched in with this year's festivals, THANK YOU! The success of those festivals relies heavily on your support and help, and without your efforts none of these events could take place.

A very special thank you goes out to all the people who were involved in the restructuring of the All-County Orchestras this year, especially Kathryn Conera, the All-County Orchestra Coordinator. Together, we have ushered in a new era for string

players in Westchester County. This year, the All-County Orchestras were divided three ways—4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade, and 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade—allowing for sixty additional string players to participate in All-County Orchestra. Were it not for the efforts of all the string teachers involved, this drastic and necessary shift would not have been able to take place. Thank you for your support and help.

Thank you for sending in your nominations for the Administrator of the Year and the Milton A. Williams Scholarships for Summer Study. The Administrator of the Year Award will be presented to Dr. Brenda Myers, Superintendent of the Valhalla Union-Free School District. Our scholarship recipients will be Emily Denler from Somers High School, Aidan Pasquale of Rye High School, and Lucas Slavin of Ossining High School. Please consider meeting these extraordinary people our End-of-Year/Retirement dinner on June 13. If you haven't

sent in your reservation, please do so soon!

We also have many retirees to honor at this End-of-Year/Retirement Dinner. If you are retiring this year or know someone who is retiring, please let us know as soon as possible. Honoring our retiring members is a very special part of the celebration on June 13. We wouldn't want to miss anyone! In addition to our retirees, we will celebrate the outgoing members of the Board of Directors and thank them for their work over the many years of service to our organization. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with these wonderful people, and we owe them a great debt of gratitude for all that they have done for our students and our organization.

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.

Sincerely,  
John Catoliatto

Dear WCSMA Members,

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!

The Particulars:

Monday, June 13, 2016

Sam's of Gedney Way, White Plains, NY

6pm cocktail hour/cash bar 7pm dinner

\$25.00 WCSMA MEMBERS

\$50 GENERAL PUBLIC

CASH BAR

**Please click on the link at the bottom of this page to hold your reservation!**

Reasons to attend!

- We are honoring our Administrator of the Year: Dr. Brenda Myers of the Valhalla School District. Show your support for our Valhalla colleagues as we recognize this outstanding administrator .
- We have three deserving high school students, from Ossining, Rye and Somers, 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 below to place your reservation.

Send checks made out to **WCSMA** by June 8 ! Unfortunately, because of the number of unpaid no-shows at last year's dinner, if your check is not received by June 8th, 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 2015-2016 school year.

Sincerely,

Nancy Torrente

WCSMA President-Elect

[ntorrente@wcsma.org](mailto:ntorrente@wcsma.org)

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

**[WCSMA END OF YEAR DINNER](#)**

Congratulations to our amazing singers and teachers for another outstanding choral festival!

Special thanks to Dr. Malcolm Merriweather and Ms. Regina Talbot for sharing their talents with our students. Our festival would not have been a success without our chairpersons, Katherine Hughes and Jennifer Irlen, or accompanists, Kim Dunkin and Dan Forman.

It has been a pleasure getting to know and work with you all over the past few years in this position, and I look forward to seeing you and continuing to assist as we transition to a new coordinator, Giocille Shaw from Ossining.

While we transition, please feel free to send me resumes and letters of intent if you wish to be the "in house" intermediate conductor next year.

Have a restful and healthy summer!

Best,  
Sheila DePaola, Choral Coordinator  
[sdepaola@wcsma.org](mailto:sdepaola@wcsma.org)

P.S. For those of you wondering, Colin Matthew DePaola arrived on April 18th (3 weeks early, but after the musical) and is quite the singer, day and night! :-).  
Thank you for the good wishes!!

I want to thank and congratulate everyone who helped with the All-County Band Festival. Special thanks to the chairpersons: Caitlin Corvini, Intermediate Band Chair and Elliot Semel, Elementary Band Chair. I also want to recognize the great work of our in-county elementary conductor Karen Froehlich, as well as our guest intermediate conductor Justin Comito. I 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, Band Coordinator

**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 2017 All-County Band Festival. This year the intermediate conductor will be a WCSMA member and the elementary 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](mailto:lsable@wcsma.org).**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2015-2016 All-County Orchestra Festival a huge success. Thank you to our three conductors Alan Goldberg, Sara O'Brien, and Anthony Pinelli for providing an educational and caring environment for our children to grow as musicians. I would like to extend a special thank you to the three chair people Jamie Stroffolino, Jackie Lieto, and Jackie Stroffolino. Their organization and dedication helped make the new orchestra structure a success. Thank you to all teachers who completed the All-County Orchestra survey. We greatly appreciate your feedback. Please read future newsletters carefully for updates, audition requirements, and calendar dates.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to another successful All-County season next year.

Kathryn Concra, Orchestra Coordinator

## 2016-2017 WCSMA ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY SOLO AUDITION LIST

This is the elementary all-county audition list for the 2016-2017 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, not the new manual.
3. Single solos might also appear in collections.

## **ELEMENTARY AUDITION SOLO LIST FOR 2016-2017**

### **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, Op. 1. No. 11** (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 for Alto Sax. Vol. II

**TENOR SAXOPHONE**

Level 2 Bach/Mauk, S.: Minuet and Trio Medici Masterworks Solos Vol. II

**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** (select either option)

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

Option B – Gounod/Walters: March of a Marionette (play top or bottom notes on divisi). Rubank

**BARITONE HORN**

Pearson/ Kimberger/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.

## **\*\*\*NEW STRING AUDITION PIECES\*\*\***

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

Please note the revised scale requirements.

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 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

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 for 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)**

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

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

## WCSMA Calendar of Events 2016-2017

Wednesday, October 5, 2016  
**WCSMA Open House**  
Location TBA  
4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
**Area All-State Rehearsal**  
White Plains High School  
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Wednesday, November 9, 2016  
**Area All-State Rehearsal**  
White Plains High School  
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, November 10, 2016  
**Area All-State Festival**  
SUNY Purchase  
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Concert 8:00 PM**

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**BAND, ORCHESTRA,  
CHORUS ALL-COUNTY  
FESTIVAL DATES**

\*Saturday, (Date TBA), 2016  
(Snow Date Sat., TBA)  
**Elementary & Junior  
All-County String Auditions**  
Location TBA  
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

\*Saturday, November 19, 2016  
(Snow Date Sat., December 10)  
**Elementary All-County Band  
Auditions**  
PVC Middle School, Croton  
8:30 - 11:30 AM

\*Monday, February 6, 2017  
(Snow date Tues. Feb. 7)  
**All-County Chorus Rehearsal**  
Sleepy Hollow HS  
3:30 - 6:30 PM

\*Tuesday, February 7, 2017  
(Snow Date Thurs., Feb. 9)  
**All-County Band/Orchestra  
Rehearsal**  
Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua  
3:30 - 6:30 PM

\*Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
(Snow Date Wed. March 1)  
**All-County Chorus Rehearsal**  
Sleepy Hollow HS  
3:30 - 6:30 PM

\*Thursday, March 2, 2017  
(Snow Date Fri., March 3)  
**All-County Band/Orchestra  
Rehearsal**  
Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua  
3:30 - 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 4, 2017  
**Elementary and Intermediate  
All-County Music Festival**  
SUNY Purchase  
Performing Arts Center  
Band Concert 11:00 AM  
Choral Concert 4:00 PM

Sunday, March 5, 2017  
**Elementary and Intermediate  
All-County Music Festival**  
SUNY Purchase  
Performing Arts Center  
Orchestra Concert 11:00 AM

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**SENIOR HIGH ALL-  
COUNTY JAZZ FESTIVAL  
DATES**

\*Saturday, January 7, 2017  
**All-County Jazz Band  
Auditions**  
Location TBA  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM  
(Snow Date Monday, Jan. 9,  
3:30 - 7:30 PM)

\*Wednesday, (Date TBA), 2017  
(Snow Date TBA)  
**All-County Jazz Band  
Rehearsal**  
Location TBA  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

\*Tuesday, (Date TBA), 2017  
(Snow Date TBA)  
**All-County Jazz Band  
Rehearsal**  
Location TBA  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

\*Wednesday, (Date TBA), 2017  
(Snow Date TBA)  
**All-County Jazz Band  
Rehearsal**  
Location TBA  
6:30 - 9:30 PM

\*Friday, (Date TBA), 2017  
(Snow Date TBA)  
**Senior High All-County Jazz  
Concert**  
Location TBA  
8:00 PM (Clinic 6:15-7:15)

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**NYSSMA FESTIVAL DATES**

**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble  
Evaluation Festival (Down-  
County)**  
TBA

**NYSSMA Piano Festival**  
TBA

**NYSSMA Majors**  
TBA

**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble  
Evaluation Festival (Up-  
County)**  
TBA

\*Please note that many dates and locations cannot be booked prior to July 1, so the dates that appear with an asterisk (\*) are tentative and may change. An updated calendar will be circulated in September, when dates and locations have been confirmed.

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