

WCSMA

Westchester County School Music Association

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Dear WCSMA members,

It is hard to believe we are in the final weeks of our 2016-17 school year. In addition to all you do in your professional and personal life, you found time to volunteer for our county's music students. Many helped at this past fall's Area All-State or this spring's All-County or High School Jazz Festivals. Some made the trip to Albany or Rochester for NYSSMA's statewide conventions, attended the WCSMA open house in October and helped at our NYSSMA festivals. A sincere thank you; we couldn't do it without you! Also, many thanks to our NYSSMA hosts for their beautifully run festivals: Ricky Mynt at Somers, Robert Schwartz at Lakeland, and Donald Josuweit & the Rye music department (at White Plains).

In this newsletter, please find our WCSMA calendar for the upcoming 2017-18 school year (page 8). Please note the following changes from past years:

1. The Area All-State concert has moved to a week later than in years past, due to SUNY's calendar.
2. The All-County instrumental auditions are moved to a Thursday evening, in Croton, to make the opportunity more accessible to students and to give more teachers the opportunity to adjudicate.

3. We are going back to our past practice of a yearly rotation between Saturday and Sunday morning for the All-County Band and Orchestra concerts. Please check the attached calendar for specific dates and times.

NYSSMA is offering new categories of awards to members to recognize areas of excellence in music education. These awards are listed on page 4; please consider nominating a deserving colleague!

Please join me in thanking board members Jeremie Peace, corresponding secretary, and Mary diTargiani, membership chairperson, who will complete their terms of service this June. Thank you for your generous contributions of time and talent. You will both be missed.

Join me in warmly welcoming our newest WCSMA board members; Jessica Yeung, Corresponding Secretary 2017-19; Caitlin Corvini, Membership Chairperson 2017-19; and Kimberly Dunkin, who has offered to serve as Hospitality Chair 2017-19. 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. This year the Board of Directors voted to recognize two building level administrators for their outstanding

contributions to music education; Mr. Michael McDermott, Principal of Scarsdale Middle School, and Joseph Cloherty, Principal of Eastview Middle School in the White Plains District. The Board was impressed by their dedication and support of the music programs at their schools. Our 2017 Milton A Williams Summer Music Study Scholarship recipients are Rebecca Mancuso, a violin student at Mamaroneck High School, Joanna Green Delgado, a percussion student at Fox Lane High School, and Lucy Rogers, a tuba student at Sleepy Hollow High School.

Meet and honor these award winners along with our retiring colleagues at WCSMA's End-of-Year Dinner on Wednesday, June 14. If you haven't yet submitted your reservation, please do so as soon as possible. The information follows below.

I watch with deep respect and admiration the skill, joy, and inspiration each of you brings to your classroom every day. I am 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 good rest, good health and good music,
Nancy

AWARDS/ RETIREMENT DINNER

Dear WCSMA Members,

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

The Particulars:

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 Sam's of Gedney Way, 50 Gedney Way, White Plains, NY 10605
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 Administrators of the Year: Mr. Michael McDermott, Principal of Scarsdale Middle School, of the Scarsdale School District and Mr. Joseph Cloherty, Principal of Eastview Middle School, of the White Plains School District.
- We have three deserving high school students, from Bedford, Tarrytown and Mamaroneck, 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 5th! Unfortunately, because of the number of unpaid no-shows at last year's dinner, if your check is not received by June 5th, 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 2016-2017 school year.

Sincerely, Janet Corvini WCSMA President-Elect jcorvini@wcsma.org

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

[WCSMA AWARDS DINNER 2017 RSVP](#)

From Giocille Shaw, Choral Coordinator

Congratulations to all the All-County Chorus participants and their teachers. Great job by everyone who contributed their time, expertise and joy to the process. I appreciate the help and support extended by so many of you during my first year as your coordinator. Although there were a few bumps along the way, you made the learning process overwhelmingly positive, and I am so grateful to all of you.

A big change for next year is the end of electronic music files. We must return to the former process of sending out hard copies of scores, and asking students to be responsible for them. Replacement costs will be in effect, so teachers may choose to photocopy rehearsal copies and have student participants bring hard copies to our rehearsals in February.

Our rehearsal and concert dates for next season are: Monday, February 5, 2018 (snow date February 7), Tuesday, February 27, 2018 (Snow date February 28), both at Sleepy Hollow High School, and Saturday, March 3, 2018, 1 PM rehearsal at SUNY Purchase, Concert at 4 PM.

If the Intermediate teachers have a clinician in mind, please email me that information as soon as possible. gshaw@ossiningufsd.org

Thanks so much for your enthusiasm and enduring support. Enjoy the remainder of the school year!

From Lisa Sable, Band Coordinator

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 intermediate conductor Micah Sprague, as well as our guest elementary conductor Gary Boyd. 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.

There were many other teachers and retirees who also gave their time and effort. Your help is greatly appreciated and you have my heartfelt thanks for making this a very successful year.

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 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

lsable@wcsma.org.

From Jacquelyn Stroffolino, Orchestra Coordinator

Congratulations to all on another successful All-County Festival!

Special thanks to the following:

Our chairpeople, Jaclyn Lieto, Jamie Stroffolino, and Katelyn Odierna; our conductors, Sonya Robinson, Matthew Orwick, and Stephanie Merkado-Weiss; John Jay Middle 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 2018 Elementary All-County Band and Orchestra, and Junior All-County Orchestra will be held on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Both Orchestra and Band auditions will be hosted by the Croton-Harmon School District. Mark your calendars, more details to follow!

From James Mullen, Jazz Coordinator

Congratulations to all of our wonderful instrumentalists who participated in this year’s All-County Jazz Festival! It was a huge success thanks to the work of our talented students, and guest conductors Todd Coolman and Peter Furlan. This festival would not have been possible without the work and support of a number of wonderful teachers. Thank you to my predecessor, David Brandom, for his years of service as Jazz Coordinator and for making this transition an absolute pleasure for me. I would like to extend a special thank you to Mamaroneck Orchestra director, Elyse Gellert, and Edgemont Band director, John Catoliato. I am grateful for all their work throughout every part of the festival. Thank you so much to our adjudicators for donating their time and energy not only at the auditions but helping to facilitate sectionals at our rehearsals. I would also like to thank the Mamaroneck School District for enabling us to use Hommocks Middle School as a “base camp” for every event during the festival. Have a great rest of the school year and a wonderful summer. See you at auditions next January 6, 2018!

P.S. Congratulations to this year’s All-County Jazz 1st trumpet and Ardsley High School senior, David Sneider. David was just recognized in this month’s issue of *Downbeat* magazine for *Outstanding Performances in High School*. This is the 40th year of the annual student music awards.

Are you a NYSSMA Member?

This year NYSSMA has seven awards to recognize an outstanding music program or educator:

- Presidential Citation/ Award of Excellence – for outstanding district-wide music programs
- Outstanding School Award – for outstanding music program in a building within the following cities: Buffalo, New York, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers
- Distinguished Service Award – for distinguished service to NYSSMA
- Outstanding Contributor Award – for an individual, business, or corporation supporting music education (non-New York State music educator)
- Early Career Achievement Educator Award – contributions of music educators in New York State at the local level who have been in the field between 5 – 9 years
- Established Educator Award – distinguished service by music educators at the local level who have been in the field a minimum of 10 years
- Music Education Innovation Award – recognizing new and creative approaches to music education within or outside the school day

For more information and applications please visit:

<http://www.nyssma.org/committees/awards-and-recognition-committee/>

Complete application packets for the NYSSMA Awards must be received
no later than **June 15**.

2017-2018 WCSMA ELEMENTARY ALL-COUNTY SOLO AUDITION LIST

The following is the solo audition list for the 2017-2018 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. These solos are listed in NYSSMA MANUAL EDITION XXVII (27) effective July 2003
3. Single solos might also appear in collections. Ask your dealer.

ELEMENTARY AUDITION SOLO LIST FOR 2017-2018

PICCOLO- Level 3

Bertoni,F./Hass,A.: CANZONA Hal Leonard /Rubank (pg. 4-10)

FLUTE- Level 3

Bach,J.S./Barrere,G.: ARIOSO in A MAJOR, CANTATA 156 Hal Leonard/G. Schirmer (pg. 4-14)

Bb CLARINET- Level 2

Handel, G./Hovey, N.: Sarabande and Bourree (manual p. 4-42)

ALTO CLARINET

Mozart, W./Voxman, H.: Menuetto, Divertimento No. 1 (not in manual)

BASS CLARINET- Level 2

Gounod,C../Walters,H.: MARCH OF A MARIONETTE Hal Leonard Rubank (pg. 4-51)

ALTO SAXOPHONE- Level 3

Rachmaninov,S./Teal,L.: **VOCALISE** (Solos for the Alto Saxophone) G. Schirmer (pg. 4-80)

TENOR SAXOPHONE- Level 3

Bach,J.S./Rascher,S.: **GAVOTTE** Warner Bros. (pg. 4-84)

BARITONE SAXOPHONE- Level 2

Coggins,W.: **ANDANTINO** Classic Festival Solos Vol. II (pg. 4-69)

OBOE- Level 2

Tartini, Rubank/Hal Leonard: **Andante Cantabile** (pg. 4-32)

BASSOON- Level 2

Mozart,W.A./Hawkins,A.: **ANDANTE in Eb MAJOR, K. 3** Warner Bros. (pg.4-69)

TRUMPET- Level 3

Handel,G./Fitzgerald,B.: **ALLEGRO Lotario** Theodore Presser (A) (pg. 5-11)

FRENCH HORN- Level 2 *Must play both (First Solos for the Horn Player) (pg. 5-33)

Mozart, L./Jones, M.: **No More, I Have Heard Everything**

Beethoven, L./Jones, M.: **Andante Expressivo** (not in manual)

TROMBONE- Level 1

Kimberger, J./Neil A. Kjos.: **Menuett** (Standard of Excellence Festival Solos) (pg. 5-43)

BARITONE HORN- Level 1

Turk, D/ J./ Neil A. Kjos.: **Capriccio** (Standard of Excellence Festival Solos) pg. 5-62)

TUBA- Level 2

Bordogni,M./Lamb,J.: **BORDOGNI MEDLEY** (Classic Festival Solos) Belwin Mills (pg. 5-70)

SNARE DRUM- Level 2

Barnett, W./Lamb: **Hum Drum** (Classic Festival Solos Vol. 1) (pg.6-20)

TIMPANI- Level 2

Roy,J.: **TAMPICO** (2) Medici Music Press (pg. 6-30)

MALLET INSTRUMENTS- Level 2

Houllif,M.: **CONTEST SOLOS FOR THE YOUNG MALLET PLAYER (No. 7 – “Double Play”)**

Kendor (pg. 6-34)

STRING AUDITION REQUIREMENTS**Elementary All-County Orchestra**
Grades 4 and 5

Violin, Viola, Cello: Prepare and perform 1 two-octave scale and 2 one-octave scales that demonstrate your level of proficiency on you instrument.

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

Option 1: All instruments: Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Book II, The Brook

Option 2:

Violin: Kuchler, F., Concertino, Op. 11 in G, Mvt. 1

Viola: Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Viola Book II, Bohemian Folk Songs

Cello: Paxton, S., Arr. Dinn (Schott Publishing), Allegro Moderato from Sonata Op. 5 No. 3

Bass: Applebaum, String Festival Solos Double Bass Vol. I, Brian, A., March of the Giants

Junior All-County Orchestra
Grades 6 and 7

Violin, Viola, 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: deProsse/Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Violin Book IV, Petit Bouree

Viola: Mozart/Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Viola Book IV, Allegro

Cello: Marcello/Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Cello Book IV, Allegro

Bass: Bach, J.S./Etling, F., Solo Time for Strings Bass Book III, Minuet 1

WCSMA Calendar of Events 2017-2018

WCSMA Open House
October DATE TBD

Area All-State Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 1, 2017
White Plains High School
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 15, 2017
White Plains High School
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Festival
Thursday, November 16, 2017
SUNY Purchase
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Concert 8:00 PM

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

**Elementary & Junior
All-County String Auditions**
Thursday, November 2, 2017
(Snow Date- Thurs., 11/30/17)
Carrie E. Thompkins ES, Croton
4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**Elementary All-County Band
Auditions**
Thursday, November 2, 2017
(Snow Date- Thurs., 11/30/17)
PVC Middle School, Croton
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

All-County Chorus Rehearsal
Monday, February 5, 2018
(Snow Date- Wed., Feb. 7)
Sleepy Hollow HS
3:30 - 6:30 PM

**All-County Band/ Orchestra
Rehearsal**
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
(Snow Date- Thurs., Feb. 8)
Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
3:30 - 6:30 PM

All-County Chorus Rehearsal
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Sleepy Hollow HS
(Snow Date- Wed., Feb. 28)
3:30 - 6:30 PM

**All-County Band/ Orchestra
Rehearsal**
Thursday, March 1, 2018
(Snow Date- Fri., March 2)
Seven Bridges MS, Chappaqua
3:30 - 6:30 PM

**Elementary and Intermediate
All-County Music Festival**
Saturday, March 3, 2018
SUNY Purchase
Performing Arts Center
Orchestra Rehearsal 8:15 AM
Orchestra Concert 11:00 AM
Choral Rehearsal 1:00 PM
Choral Concert 4:00 PM

**Elementary and Intermediate
All-County Music Festival**
Sunday, March 4, 2018
SUNY Purchase
Performing Arts Center
Band Rehearsal 8:15 AM
Band Concert 11:00 AM

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

**All-County Jazz Band
Auditions**
Saturday, January 6, 2018
(Snow Date- TBA)
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**All-County Jazz Band
Rehearsal #1**
Thursday, February 15, 2018
(Snow Date- Fri., Feb. 16)
Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck
6:30 - 9:30 PM

**All-County Jazz Band
Rehearsal #2**
Tuesday, March 13, 2018
(Snow Date- Thurs., March 15)
Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck
6:30 - 9:30 PM

**All-County Jazz Band
Rehearsal #3**
Wednesday March 14, 2018
(Snow Date- Thurs., March 15)
Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck
6:30 - 9:30 PM

**Senior High All-County Jazz
Concert**
Friday, March 16, 2018
Hommocks MS, Mamaroneck
7:30 PM
(Clinic 6:00-7:15)

NYSSMA FESTIVAL DATES

**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble
Evaluation Festival (Up-County)**
April 27 and 28, 2018
Mt. Pleasant School District
Carlo Capano, Festival Chair

**NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble
Evaluation Festival (Down-
County)**
May 18 and 19, 2018
Port Chester MS
Ken Kraut, Festival Chair

NYSSMA Piano Festival
TBA

NYSSMA Majors
TBA

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2016-2017

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