



WCSMA



WESTCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Dear WCSMA Members,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final weeks of the 2021-22 school year. As another challenging school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to offer my profound thanks to all of you for everything you do every day for our students and for music in our schools. Your passion for music and teaching and your dedication to our students is the best form of advocacy for the importance of music in our school community.

It has been heartening to see school districts begin the return to in-person music performances this year despite the challenges they presented. However different these concerts may have looked it is wonderful that you and your students are able to make and share music together again! Though we did not manage to return to our own Area All-State and WCSMA All-County performances this year, plans are underway and we are looking forward to AAS 2022 and AC 2023! More information will be forthcoming regarding All-County 2023 as soon as we have confirmed rehearsal and performance venues. Area All-State information should have landed in your inboxes already.

After a two-year hiatus it was great to be able to have our NYSSMA festivals return as in-person events. Congratulations and a huge thank you to our NYSSMA Festival hosts/ host districts and to our Zone 11 Rep. Kimberly Dunkin on three very successful festivals this spring. Thanks also to all of you who volunteered your time and energy to helping with those festivals. We couldn't have done it without you! You will find the dates and locations for all four of the 2023 NYSSMA festivals (including piano!) inside this newsletter.

Once again, we awarded two Milton A. Williams Summer Music Study Scholarships. The recipients are Nadia Suben, trumpet, a member of Mamaroneck High School Band and Jazz Band, Orchestra, Pit Orchestra; and Benjamin Wien, French horn and piano, a member of multiple school ensembles at Eastchester High School. Both of these highly deserving students are also active in several other performing groups outside of their respective high school ensembles. Congratulations Nadia and Benjamin!

As this year comes a close, I would like to thank our outgoing board members. Immediate Past-President Janet Corvini, Treasurer Bill Eckfeld, and Public Relations Chair Charlie Bennett will complete their terms of service this June. Your generous contributions of time and talent over the years to WCSMA and to the board are greatly appreciated. You will be missed!

Join me in welcoming our newest WCSMA Board members. Ricky Myint of Somers who joins us as Treasurer, and Patrick Murphy of Lakeland Panas who becomes our Area All-State Coordinator. Stepping into new positions are Jamie Stroffolino and Jonathan Riss, President and President-Elect respectively. We do, however, still have one board position open. If you are interested in becoming our Public Relations chair, please contact Jamie Stroffolino for more information. My deepest thanks to the entire WCSMA Board for your work and support throughout this (and last) school year!

Last, but certainly not least, congratulations to all our WCSMA colleagues who are retiring this year. We wish you well as you celebrate this milestone and begin the next chapter of your lives. Your collective years of service and commitment to our students and music education in Westchester are without equal. Thank you!

Best wishes to all of you as you finish the school year. I hope that in the coming months you find time to relax and recharge with family and friends.

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

Sincerely,

Suzanne Forman

WCSMA President

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NYSSMA Zone 11 Representative

Kimberly Dunkin

Dear NYSSMA/NAfME Colleagues,

Thank you all for your incredible work towards our first in-person NYSSMA festival season since 2019! Many of you volunteered time at the registration tables, accompanied students, fixed broken instruments, loaned sheet music books, and even stepped in to adjudicate. It truly takes a village, and it is an honor to work alongside you all.

Many thanks to Pete Pauliks of Byram Hills, John Banks of Briarcliff, and Dina Madden of Mamaroneck for hosting this year's solo festivals, and thank you to Jamie Stroffolino of Lakeland Schools for hosting our three-day majors festival. This year Zone 11's festivals adjudicated over 2850 student solos and ensembles! In addition, the Majors festivals heard 17 choral and instrumental groups. Without your help this would not be possible. Thank you for providing our students with positive experiences at all festivals.

It was an absolute joy to meet so many of you in person, especially our newest teachers for which this was their first festival ever! Bravo to you for sending so many students to NYSSMA as we emerge from school years with abnormal rehearsals, limited contact time, and declining enrollment. It's time to rebuild!

Below you will find the dates and locations for the 2022-2023 Festival Season. You can also find this information on the [Zone 11 NYSSMA website](#)! Also in this newsletter please read the rotation of Zone 11's NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festivals. **I invite you all to look ahead to when your district is slated to host.** I wish you all a very well-deserved summer. I hope to see many of you at the NYSSMA Summer Conference in Albany on August 14-16. Have a wonderful summer!

Kimberly Dunkin

Zone 11 NYSSMA Festival Dates

Down - County/Jazz Festival (No piano, classical guitar, harp, or Strings I-IV)

March 10-11, 2023
Scarsdale

Lisa Forte, Host
nyssma@scarsdaleschools.org

Register at [Da Capo](#)
All-State applications **must** be
completed at [NYSSMA Website](#)

Strings Levels 1-4 Festival (Including ALL levels harp and guitar)

April 14-15, 2023
Rye Neck

Caitlin Clarke & Jessica Yeung, Hosts
nyssma@ryeneck.org

Register at [Da Capo](#)

Up - County Festival (No jazz, piano, classical guitar, harp, or Strings I-IV)

April 21-22, 2023
Ossining

Kate Mathews, Host
kmathews@ossiningufsd.org

Register at [Da Capo](#)
All-State applications **must** be
completed at [NYSSMA Website](#)

Piano Festival

June 9-10, 2023
Yorktown

Jennifer Flynn, Host
nyssma@yorktown.org

Register at [Da Capo](#)

Majors Festival

May 23 (Orchestra)
May 24 (Band)
May 25 (Chorus)

Walter Panas High School
Jamie Stroffolino, Host
jstroffolino@lakelandschools.org

Zone 11 NYSSMA Hosting Rotation

Up-County

Year	District	Festival Chairperson
2007	Yorktown	Arduini
2008	Yorktown	Arduini
2009	Tarrytown	Sprague
2010	Byram Hill	Shatraw
2011	Hendrick Hudson	Richter
2012	Briarcliff	Banks
2013	Ossining	Morisson
2014	Chappaqua	Pirro
2015	Yorktown	Torrente
2016	Katonah	Stroffolino
2017	Somers	Mynt
2018	Mt. Pleasant	Capano
2019	Hendrick Hudson	Dunkin
2020	Tarrytown	Sprague
2021	Lakeland	Stroffolino
2022	Briarcliff	Banks
2023	Ossining	Mathews
2024	Chappaqua	
2025	Yorktown	
2026	Katonah	
2027	Somers	
2028	Mt. Pleasant	
2029	Bedford	
2030	Peekskill	
2031	Hendrick Hudson	

Down-County

Year	District	Festival Chairperson
2007	Ardsley	Rubino
2008	Pelham	Katz
2009	New Rochelle	Katz
2010	Edgemont	Catoliato
2011	Pelham	Katz
2012	Port Chester	Kraut
2013	Mamaroneck	Madden
2014	Rye Neck	Lutinski
2015	White Plains	West
2016	Harrison	Forman
2017	Rye City/White Plains	Josueait
2018	Port Chester	Kraut
2019	Ardsley	Goidel
2020	Bronxville	Lutter
2021	New Rochelle	Marwah
2022	Mamaroneck	Madden
2023	Scarsdale	Forte
2024	Pelham	
2025	White Plains	
2026	Harrison	
2027	Rye City	
2028	Port Chester	
2029	Mt. Vernon	
2030	Yonkers	

Strings Level I-IV

Year	District	Festival Chairperson
2019	Yorktown	Torrente
2020	Edgemont	Catoliato
2021	Croton	O'Brien
2022	Byram Hills	Pauliks
2023	Rye Neck	Clarke/Yeung
2024	Blind Brook	
2025	Valhalla	
2026	Dobbs Ferry	
2027	Hastings	
2028	Elmsford	
2029	Eastchester	

Area All-State Festival Coordinator

John Riss, rissj@hohschools.org

WCSMA Members

Nominations for Area All-State will be open on May 31. Nominations will be done via Da Capo at aas.dacapomusicfestivals.com - teacher usernames and passwords should be identical to those used to register students for NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festivals in the spring.

Nominations for Area All-State Band, Chorus, and String Orchestra will be open until **JUNE 30**. Please note the **EARLIER DEADLINE** compared with past years, per the Winter 2022 WCSMA Newsletter.

The [Area All-State Nominations Teacher Instructions](#) are an excellent resource. If you still have questions regarding the applications, please reach out to me. I am happy to do whatever I can do to help you and your students!



Elementary and Intermediate All-County Festivals 2023

We are exploring options to bring back the Elementary and Intermediate All-County Festivals in 2023. Please be assured that we will disseminate information to you as soon as it becomes available. We look forward to working with you in the Fall.

All-County Jazz Coordinator

James Mullen

Greeting Jazz educators & students. I hope you are all doing well and gearing up for a strong finish to this school year. Over the course of this year we have seen many concerts and musical events return to normal and taking place in-person. I am delighted to announce the return of the WCSMA All County Jazz Festival in January 2023. As with many other things in recent years, we have greatly missed having this as part of our yearly musical calendar. We encourage any Westchester County high school saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or rhythm section players (including guitar & vibes) to come out next January and audition to be a part of one of two select ensembles. Auditions consist of three requirements including (1) sight reading (2) Level 5 or 6 Jazz solo (listed in manual) and (3) Improvisation (also as listed in the level 5/6 requirements of the NYSSMA manual)

The dates for next Year's WCSMA All-County Jazz Festival are as follows. All parts of the festival will take place at Hommocks Middle School located at 130 Hommocks Rd. Larchmont NY 10538

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Auditions: Saturday January 7th 2023 (9am-12:30pm)

Rehearsal #1: Wednesday February 15th (6:30-9:30pm)

Rehearsal #2: Tuesday March 14th (6:30-9:30pm)

Rehearsal #3: Wednesday March 15th (6:30-9:30pm)

Concert: Friday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) @ 7:30 PM

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Thanks so much (See you next January ☺) and good luck with the remainder of the school year!

All the Best,

James Mullen
WCSMA Jazz Coordinator

Calendar of Events

NYSSMA Summer Music Conference

August 14-16, 2022
Hilton Albany, NY

WCSMA Open House

October (Date TBD)

2022 NAFME

National Conference
November 2 - 6, 2022
National Harbor, Maryland

2022 NYSSMA (R) Winter Conference

December 1 - 4, 2022
Rochester, NY

AREA ALL-STATE

Area All-State Rehearsal #1 Wednesday,
October 19, 2022
White Plains High School
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Rehearsal #2 Wednesday,
November 2, 2022
White Plains High School
4:00 - 9:00 PM

Area All-State Festival

Saturday, November 5, 2022
White Plains High School
Rehearsal #3 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Concert 2:00 PM

ALL-COUNTY BAND & ORCHESTRA **FESTIVAL DATES**

All-County Band, Chorus & Orchestra
Rehearsals and Concert Dates (TBD)

SR. HIGH ALL-COUNTY JAZZ **FESTIVAL DATES**

All-County Jazz Band Auditions
Saturday, January 7, 2023
Hommocks, MS, Mamaroneck
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All-County Jazz Band Rehearsal #1
Wednesday, February 15, 2023
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