

## SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SYOSSET, NEW YORK

### CLASSICAL GUITAR APPLICATION for participation in the NYSSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL Holy Trinity High School, April 21-22, 2023

The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) sponsors a festival each spring in which students have the opportunity to perform solos and small ensembles (duets, trios, etc.) for an impartial adjudication. Judges, most of whom are chosen from outside the area, hear each student play a graded selection from the NYSSMA manual, prescribed scales and a short sight reading selection (8 measures). Students are then given a written report with comments on their performance and a grade. Grades range from the relatively rare Outstanding through Excellent, Good, and Needs Improvement (A+ through D- in Levels V and VI). In some cases, where it is determined to be in the best interest of the child or due to a serious infraction of the festival rules, a student may receive comments-only. Levels of difficulty range as follows:

- Levels I - Very Easy - elementary
- II - Easy - advanced elementary, middle school
- III - Medium - middle school
- IV - Medium Difficult - advanced middle school, high school
- V - Difficult - advanced high school
- VI - Very Difficult - only for the most advanced soloists

NYSSMA festival grades provide a standard by which to measure student achievement. Grades may also be used for applications to many music camps, and can be included in college applications.

Students participating in the NYSSMA festival (and their parents) should be aware of the following: (More information is available from your child's individual music teacher.)

1. The **2023** festival for Classical Guitar will be held at **Holy Trinity High School** on **April 21 & 22, 2023**.
2. Audition times will be assigned on Friday between 4:00pm and 9:00pm and on Saturday between 9:00am and 4:00pm.
3. The school does not provide transportation.
4. All solos must be listed in the current NYSSMA Manual. The current manual is **Vol. 33**. **Check this carefully with your school music teacher, as private teachers do not always have the current manual.**

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5. **Two purchased, original copies of the solo should be provided** (one for the student and one for the adjudicator). A piano part may be used as one copy. **Photocopies are not permitted.**
6. Check the NYSSMA Manual for specific regulations on scales, sight reading, etc. Be especially careful of specific requirements for guitar. Level I-IV solos will be given 10 minute audition times, Levels V-VI will get a 15 minute time slot.
7. Students will receive their grades from their teachers during the following week at school.

Last year, over 1300 Syosset students participated in NYSSMA festivals! That represents the greatest participation of any school district in Nassau County.

Participation fees:      **Levels I – IV: \$16.00**                      **NYSSMA fees are not refundable**  
                                 **Levels V-VI: \$24.00**

PLEASE RETURN CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO:

**STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND**

USE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH STUDENT AND EACH AUDITION.

PLEASE INCLUDE THE STUDENT’S FIRST AND LAST NAME ON THE “MEMO”  
LINE OF EACH CHECK.

**PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS!**

# Classical Guitar

## Holy Trinity High School

### April 21 & 22, 2023

Please return this form to your music teacher by: **Friday, January 6, 2023**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT OR VOICE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_ COMPOSER OF SOLO: \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF SOLO \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE NUMBER IN NYSSMA MANUAL \_\_\_\_\_

(This must be specified)

(From Volume 33)

Check if you have a sibling performing at this festival \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, Sibling name and school \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are performing more than one solo or ensemble at this festival \_\_\_\_\_

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate

(First and last name)

in the NYSSMA Solo & Ensemble Festival to be held at **Holy Trinity High School on April 21 & 22, 2023**. I understand that I will be responsible for my child's transportation.

Enclosed is a check (made out to STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND) for \$16 or \$24, for the registration fee. (Circle one)

Please include the first and last name of student on the "Memo" line of each check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of parent or guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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                                    **Levels V-VI solos & ensembles: \$24.00**

You may request a specific day and time, but please note that NYSSMA can not guarantee that they will be able to honor such requests. Please only do so in the event of an unavoidable conflict. Attach a note to this form if you are in this situation.