

LEVELS 5, 6 AND ALL-STATE

SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SYOSSET, NEW YORK

APPLICATION for Level V and VI, All-State, and Harp NYSSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL Syosset High School May 5 & 6, 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 that is used for acceptance to All-County festivals, many music camps, and can be included in college applications. The festivals also serve as the audition sites for the All-State band, chorus and orchestra. (Only students in grade 10 and 11 are eligible to apply for All-State.)

Students participating in the NYSSMA festival (and their parents) should be aware of the following: (More detailed information on preparation is available through our individual music teachers.)

1. The **2023** festival will be held at **Syosset High School on May 5 & 6.**
2. Audition times may be at any time from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon.
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.**
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.**

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6. Check the NYSSMA Manual for specific regulations on scales, sight reading, etc. Be especially careful of requirements for percussion as All-State percussion has additional requirements. All Level V and VI solos will be given 15 minute audition times.
7. All-State students must audition on Level VI. Vocal All-State students must perform in the designated key and may not transpose.
8. All All-State auditions must be accompanied by piano or recording unless the piece is specifically composed as “unaccompanied.”
9. All-State applicants must submit a NYSSMA All-State application form. (See your teacher).
11. Only students in grades 10 and 11 may audition for All-State.
12. Students will receive their grades from their teachers during the following week at school.

Last year Syosset sent over 1300 students to NYSSMA festivals! We consistently have among the highest number of students chosen for All County, All State, and All Eastern.

Participation fees: **Level V & VI: \$24.00** **NYSSMA fees are not refundable.**
All-State: \$30.00

Levels I-IV Harp: \$16.00

PLEASE RETURN CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO:

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

***USE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH STUDENT AND EACH AUDITION.**

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

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

NAME: _____ SCHOOL: _____

INSTRUMENT OR VOICE: _____ ALL STATE? _____

NAME OF SOLO: _____ COMPOSER OF SOLO: _____

LEVEL OF SOLO: _____ PAGE NUMBER IN NYSSMA MANUAL _____

(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 **Syosset High School** on
May 5 & 6, 2023. I understand that I will be responsible for my child's transportation.

Enclosed is a check (made out to STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND) for \$24 or \$30 for the
registration fee. (circle 1)

Use a separate check and form for each audition.

Include the student's first and last name on the "Memo" line of each check.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

(Date)

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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.

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All-State Application Information

All State Applicants must submit this page.

In order to complete your All State Application, your teacher will need the following information:

Full Name (as it should be printed in a program): _____

Address: _____ Age as of May 5, 2023: ____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Student E-Mail Address _____

NYSSMA Scores, last two years: _____

Were you in All State last year? _____

If yes, which ensemble _____ section _____

Seat if auditioned _____

List years you have been in All County _____

Do you perform in ensembles outside of school? (LIYO, MYO, Nassau/Suffolk, etc.) _____

Wind, Brass and Percussion: Do you have orchestral experience? _____

Woodwind players, list any doubles (Flute/Picc, Oboe/Eng. Horn, Alto Sax/Clar) _____

List any special music awards you may have won or other musical experiences such as honors ensembles or summer musical tours or programs: _____