



February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This year's NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival for Niskayuna students performing NYSSMA levels 1-6 regular and All-State solos will be hosted in-person at Niskayuna High School on May 3-4, 2024. We encourage all instrumentalists and vocalists to participate in NYSSMA, as this is a valuable opportunity to further improve overall musicianship!

ALL REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR THIS FESTIVAL MUST BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD'S MUSIC TEACHER OR DISTRICT MUSIC OFFICE LOCATED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024**.

- Please complete the correct form (**solo or small ensemble**). The Festival chairperson will do their best to honor specific day/time requests, but no guarantee may be given. Please check your calendar and plan accordingly, as changes may not be possible due to the large number of students expected to attend. Festival times generally run on Friday from 4:00 pm to 9:30 pm, and Saturday from 9:00am to approximately 4:00pm.
- A check to cover the registration fee as described below:

Solo and Ensembles	Level 1 - 4	\$16.00
Solo and Ensembles	Level 5 & 6	\$24.00
All State Solos		\$30.00

*Please make your non-refundable check payable to **NISKAYUNA FRIENDS OF MUSIC***

NOTE: THIS FESTIVAL DOES NOT INCLUDE JAZZ SOLOS! Students wishing to perform Jazz solos will attend the May 17-18 festival located at Queensbury High School (information to follow in March.)

Acoustic pianos or weighted digital pianos will be available in all **Vocal** and **All-State** adjudication rooms ONLY. **ALL VOCAL STUDENTS**, and students wishing to perform an accompanied solo must indicate an accompanist name on the registration form in order to be scheduled in a room with a piano. CD accompaniments or the use of a portable keyboard is also an acceptable alternative.

Please be sure to reference the **(July 2022) NYSSMA manual (Edition 33)** when choosing music. *This includes solo, scales/rudiments, and sight-reading requirements.* Your child's music teacher will be able to assist with this requirement, and you may also contact the District Music Office or local sheet music vendor for additional assistance. In addition to the original sheet music for student use, an additional original sheet music of the selected solo must be provided for the adjudicator at the time of performance. As per NYSSMA regulation and federal copyright law, photocopies are not permitted.

The Music Office will receive the master schedule for the festival approximately (2) weeks prior to the Festival date. It is at this time all assigned student performance times will be shared with school music teachers who will then provide the necessary details to students on a written form.

Lastly, advanced preparation is the key to a successful and rewarding experience! I highly encourage all students to seek out the assistance of their music teacher, and together, wish you and your child the very best of luck at NYSSMA 2024!

Sincerely,

Eric Hughes
Director of Music Education, K-12

May 3-4, 2024
Levels 1-6 & All-State
Niskayuna High School

CHECK # _____

NYSSMA SOLO REGISTRATION FORM

SOLO REGISTRATION ONLY

Name _____ Parent phone number _____

Parent email address _____

Vocal or **Instrumental** (circle one)

(indicate alto, soprano, bass)

(indicate clarinet, violin, percussion, etc.)

School Name _____ Lesson Teacher's Name _____

Grade in School (circle one) 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12

*Accompanist Name _____

(NEEDED FOR ALL VOCALISTS /AND ANY ALL-STATE SOLO)

** If name is not known, however a piano is needed, please indicate TBD.*

PREFERRED session (circle): Fri. afternoon Fri. night Sat. morning Sat. afternoon

Please Check Appropriate Level

___ **Regular Solo,** **Level** (circle one) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 @ \$16.00

___ **Regular Solo,** **Level** (circle one) 5 - 6 @ \$24.00

___ **All-State Solo** **Vocal or Instrumental** (circle one) @ \$30.00

Are you registering for another solo or ensemble at this Festival site? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, please specify - _____ (flute solo, trumpet duet, etc.)

Make checks payable to **Niskayuna Friends of Music**. Checks and forms must be returned to your child's music teacher or district music office no later than **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED! A separate check and form are needed for each adjudication.

Forms and payment may also be mailed to:

**Niskayuna High School
1626 Balltown Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309
Attn: District Music Office (NYSSMA)**

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NYSSMA SMALL ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION FORM

ENSEMBLE REGISTRATION ONLY

Name of Students in Ensemble (list all) _____

Type of Ensemble (clarinet duet, string quartet, etc.) _____

Ensemble Teacher's Name _____

Please check Appropriate Level

___ **Ensemble** **Level** (circle one) **1 - 2 - 3 - 4** **@ \$16.00**

___ **Ensemble** **Level** (circle one) **5 - 6** **@ \$24.00**

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If yes, please specify - _____ (flute solo, trumpet duet, etc.)

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