

## **Updates and Reminders for the NMMEA District Meetings - Summer 2017**

### **2017 All-State Audition Dates and Sites**

#### **Choral**

Oct. 16, 2017 - Las Cruces, NMSU  
Oct. 17, 2017 - Albuquerque, UNM  
Oct. 18, 2017 - Albuquerque, UNM  
Oct. 19, 2017 - Albuquerque, UNM  
Oct. 20, 2017 - Portales, ENMU

Registration Deadline is September 16, 2017. Late Registration fee September 17-23, 2017  
No registrations will be accepted after September 23, 2017

#### **Strings**

Oct. 18, 2017 - Las Cruces, NMSU  
Oct. 19, 2017 - Albuquerque, AYS Facility  
Oct. 20, 2017 - Albuquerque, AYS Facility

Registration Deadline is September 16, 2017. Late Registration fee September 17-23, 2017  
No registrations will be accepted after September 23, 2017

#### **Guitar**

October 19, 2017 - Cibola  
October 20, 2017 - Cibola

Registration Deadline is September 16, 2017. Late Registration fee September 17-23, 2017  
No registrations will be accepted after September 23, 2017

#### **Winds and Percussion**

Nov. 6, 2017 - Farmington, Aztec HS  
Nov. 7, 2017 - Albuquerque, AYS Facility  
Nov. 8, 2017 - Albuquerque, AYS Facility  
Nov. 9, 2017 - Portales, ENMU  
Nov. 10, 2017 - Las Cruces, Onate HS

Registration Deadline is October 6, 2017. Late Registration fee October 7-13, 2017  
No registrations will be accepted after October 13, 2017

**Please encourage as many students as possible to audition for All-State**

#### **All-State Audition Online Registration Form**

The on line registration form is contained in the "All-State" link. Be sure to follow instructions carefully so you enter your students accurately. Please note that you will have to pay for all the students you register no matter if they actually audition or not. No substitutions. Additionally please print a copy of your registration form BEFORE you hit the "Submit Button" so you have a copy to cross check. You also need to post your registration form so your students can verify that they are registered and their voice classification or instrument is entered correctly. You will need to have your membership current in order to register students and you will need to know your NAFME identification number. For your registration to be complete you must send a copy of your PO or a check to the Executive Director PRIOR to the start of auditions. No student will be allowed to audition if the audition fee is not paid or invoiced.

#### **Special Requests for Auditions**

Special requests for auditioning must be made on the audition registration form at the time of the audition registration form as submitted. This is not meant to be for things like "This is what I prefer or would like". It is for special circumstances that you have no control over like securing a bus or a testing conflict. Missing class time, while important, is not considered a high priority since there are limited time slots in the late afternoon. There is no guarantee that all requests can be honored. Due to the increased number of very specific requests please limit special requests to only "Morning" or "Afternoon". For the Albuquerque auditions you may request the day also. Do not request specific times such as "between 10:00 AM and Noon". All requests for special scheduling consideration must be requested through the Executive Director.

Please provide sufficient justification for your requests in the "Reason for Request" box for the Executive Director to evaluate the validity of your request. If no reason is provided your request will not be considered. Travel considerations will be taken into consideration.

### **Home School Registration Procedure**

Home school students may register for All-State auditions by providing the following documentation to the Executive Director of NMMEA prior to the audition registration deadline: Public Education Department home school registration number, a statement that the student meets the 2.0 or better GPA and no more than one "F", and a current parent email address and phone number. The Executive Director will register you. It is the responsibility of the home school student/parent to look up the information needed to register and to know what is needed for All-State if the home school student is selected to an All-State ensemble. The audition fee must be sent to the Executive Director prior to the audition. If the student is selected to an All-State ensemble the participation fee (\$17) is to be sent to the Executive Director by December 15.

### **Schools Without Music Programs Registration Procedure**

Students from schools without music programs may register for All-State auditions by providing the following documentation to the NMMEA Executive Director prior to the audition registration deadline:

a. A letter from their principal stating there is no music program at their school, that the student meets the eligibility requirements stated above in the home school student procedure, and the student does not have any discipline referrals.

b. Current phone and email address of the student's parent.

The Executive Director will register you. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to look up the information needed to register and to know what is needed for All-State if student is selected to an All-State ensemble. The audition fee must be sent to the Executive Director prior to the audition.

### **Commitment Forms**

Just a reminder that directors will still be required to have an "All-State Commitment Form" for every student who auditions for All-State and be sure that the student understands their responsibility by signing the form. The form is to be signed by the student and parent and turned into their director **prior to their audition registration**. The director's signature is also required on the form. Directors need to be sure the proper signatures are on the form. The commitment forms will not be handed in at the audition site. The director is to have all commitment forms on file for their students. The director will have the responsibility of dealing with any problem arising with a student in regards to the content of the commitment form. Near the end of the on-line registration form there is a box that the director of the students registered must check to confirm that all of the students they registered has completed the "All-State Commitment Form. There is also a box to check verifying that the students registered meet the eligibility requires as stated in our "Handbook".

### **Memberships - New, Renewals, and Updating Your Information (*New steps are italicized*)**

Remember that when you join NAFME that membership fee includes your NMMEA membership. You cannot just join one organization or the other. You are encouraged to process your membership on line although NMMEA will continue to accept membership renewals included with All-State registration fees. Please note that the anniversary date is used as the renewal date of your membership. If your membership expires in July and you don't renew it until September your membership renewal date will be July not September.

If you are a current member of NAFME/NMMEA and you haven't logged in to update your information please do so. *On our homepage select the green banner "Log in Information" or click on the "Login" link in the upper right hand corner of our homepage. Enter your email address that is in your profile with NAFME and create a new password. Click on "Login" to open your profile to update your personal information. Click on any of the areas that you need to update and make your changes. Follow the instructions until you have updated all of your information as needed and you have completed the renewal process. Please note that you will no longer need to use your NAFME ID number to log in.*

You can join NAFME/NMMEA by going to our website. In the upper right hand corner click on the "Join" link. Enter the email address you wish to use and create a password. Click on "Login" link and follow the steps.

To renew your membership click on the "Renew" link, *enter your email address that is in your profile with NAFME and create or use your new password, and follow the instructions to complete your membership renewal.*

Remember the roster information that is posted on our website is taken directly from NAFME's database. We do not enter or correct any data posted on the online roster. It is your responsibility to update your contact information. Please notify your Executive Director of any changes to your contact information. Please encourage non-members and new music educators to join NAFME/NMMEA.

In order to maintain an up to date database I would like to ask all new teachers to our state and music educators who have taken new positions to please email me your home contact information as well as your school contact information.

### **Important Update – Fees for those who choose to Register On-Site for All-State will cost you more.**

You have been encouraged to register on-line BEFORE you arrive at All-State for many years. Most have done so but there are still a lot of people who do not. Now that we utilize computer check in and badge printing those who wait to register at All-State and/or renew their membership found that it took a lot of extra time. Not only that but is slowed down the whole process because our registrars had to spend extra time looking up your member ID and helping you get through two or three different computer stations. As a result your Board of Directors voted to increase on-site fees fairly significantly to encourage everyone to renew their memberships with NAFME before arriving at All-State and to register for All-State on our website prior to arriving on site. ***Active members and all non-members will be charged an additional \$30 if they register on site. Collegiate students will have to pay an additional \$10 if they register on-site.*** Please be advised of these fee changes and remind yourself to renew memberships and register on-line before arriving at UNM.

### **Conference Schedule**

Our 2018 conference schedule will be pretty much the same as this past year's schedule. The Honor Ensembles will perform Thursday and Friday afternoon and there will be no evening activities on those days. A draft of the schedule will be available in early December.

### **Conference Hotel**

Our conference hotel for the 2018 will again be the Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown Hotel located at the corner of Menaul and Louisiana NE. The rate will be \$92 per room plus tax for up to four students per room. There is ample parking (buses included) at the hotel. A hot deluxe breakfast buffet is included and will be served in one of their ballrooms. The breakfast will be upgraded to include scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon, breakfast potatoes, waffles/pancakes/or French toast, doughnuts, assorted muffins/breakfast breads, various fruits (whole or sliced), cold cereals, yogurt, milk, juice, and coffee. There will also be free Wi-Fi for all rooms booked for NMMEA. The Coronado Mall is located across the street and ABQ Uptown is relatively close. Your Board of Directors encourages directors to support the Sheraton Uptown even though it is the director's choice as to where to house their students.

### **Congratulations to our 2017 NMMEA Awards Recipients**

Music Educator of the Year – Deanna Amend, Albuquerque  
Hall of Fame – Chuck Gerheart, Tyrone and Jane Gerheart, Los Alamos  
Administrator of the Year – Dana Lee, Albuquerque  
Dr. John Batchellar Elementary Award – Caroline Glass, Farmington  
New & Emerging Music Educator of the Year – Justin McMurdo, Moriarty  
Emeritus Teacher Award – Gloria Velasco, Albuquerque  
Rollie V. Heltman Distinguished Service Award – Neil Swapp, Las Cruces  
Award of Distinction – Farmington Municipal Schools

### **Advocacy**

We all must continue to advocate for strong music education programs in our schools. Let's make a very concerted effort to promote our music programs in our communities and in our state. We as an organization and as music educators do not do enough to "toot our own horns" and "sing our successes". Let's promote music education and our programs in every possible way we can – at our concerts, in our local newspapers, and on radio and television. Showcase our classes and ensembles every opportunity we can. Yes it takes more time and effort on our part but it is worthwhile in the long run.

NAfME has a tremendous wealth of information for you to read and use in your advocacy efforts. Please go to [www.nafme.org](http://www.nafme.org) and click "Take Action" located in the blue bar. You can also go to our website – "Resources", "Advocacy". You will see more information to access.

Lastly, please check our NMMEA website often for the most up to date information. The minutes for our July meetings are posted under the "About" link for you to read.

Don't hesitate to contact Don Gerheart if you have any questions or concerns. Teach your students well and work to have the strongest program possible.

**For today's students to succeed tomorrow, they need a comprehensive education that includes music taught by exemplary music educators**