

# NYSSMA SOLO FESTIVAL INFORMATION SHEET

## What is the NYSSMA Solo Festival?

A wonderful opportunity to grow as a musician! (...and earn the FULL 5 points of extra credit for quarter #4). To participate in the NYSSMA solo festival, students prepare scales, a NYSSMA graded solo and sight-reading. At the festival, students will perform these prepared selections for a judge who will give them a score and comments. Based on their scores, students may be selected to participate and perform in the All-County Band or Orchestra with other instrumentalists from Westchester County.

If the student is preparing a Level VI solo, they may also choose to audition for the NYSSMA All-State Festival (please see additional requirements below). If selected, students will have the opportunity to perform in All-State ensembles with the best high school instrumentalists from New York State.

## When and where is the NYSSMA Solo Festival?

Friday - Saturday May 9th and 10th 2025 at  
**John Jay Middle School**  
 40 North Salem Road, Rt 121 Cross River, NY 10518

**\*\* THIS FESTIVAL HAS ALL-STATE & CLASSICAL SOLOS FOR:  
 BRASS, WOODWIND, PERCUSSION, VOICE, STRINGS V-VI  
 (NO PIANO, NO JAZZ, NO GUITAR, NO HARP)**

## What is the cost to participate?

Solo/Ensemble Levels I-IV	\$20
Solo/Ensemble Levels V-VI	\$30
Solo All-State (Level VI only)	\$36

- All State is open to current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders only. A separate All-State form is required!
- All State auditionees **MUST** have an accompanist who will perform with them at their audition. Students are responsible for securing and paying for their own accompanist, and setting up practice sessions before their audition. (See Ms. Kluga for a list of available accompanists)

## What scales do I need to know?

Levels III-IV	Any 7 major scales
Levels V-VI	All 15 major scales
Percussion	Rudiments (See Ms. K for details!)

## Other important information:

- \* Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the festival.
- \* Monies paid are non-refundable.
- \* Student are required to have two *originals* of their piece at the audition; one for the student and one for the judge. **No photocopies of the solo are allowed!** If a student is not auditioning for All-State (and therefore, not playing with an accompanist) the piano part can serve as the second original.
  - Originals are available on line at [www.jwpepper.com](http://www.jwpepper.com).
  - YHS may have an original you can borrow. Ask Ms. Kluga for details.
- Percussion students are required to bring their own snare drum / stands / sticks / mallets / cymbals.

## Small Ensembles (duos, trios, quartets) Levels 1-6

- There is no scale or sight-reading requirement for ensembles.
- Fill out one form for your group (fill in all members names).
- Have one member submit a check for the total amount. Other members pay back that member in cash.

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## Applications are due to Ms. Kluga by Friday 3/21/25

Complete applications include: NYSSMA Application Form (attached) & NYSSMA Fee

**\*Make checks payable to YCSD – the district will write one lump-sum check to the festival**

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