

NYSSMA 2013 Down-County Instrumental/Vocal – April 19 and 20

Dear Parents and Students:

NYSSMA season is here again. The dates for lower Westchester are Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20 at Mamaroneck High School (does not include piano and jazz!). After reading the information included and attached to this letter, please tear off the bottom portion of this form, and return to Mr. Whitman, Mr. Levy or Ms. Carey **no later than Friday, February 15, 2013.**

The New York State School Music Association holds an annual adjudication festival in every county of the state. Students of all ages have the opportunity to perform for a certified judge a solo, scales and a selection of sight reading material. There are six levels of difficulty, Level VI being the highest. Students are required to adhere to NYSSMA guidelines when selecting their solos, and should seek the aid of their private teacher or band director when making this decision, and when deciding which scales should be played. **YOU MUST OBTAIN AN ORIGINAL COPY OF THE SOLO – NO PHOTO COPIES ARE ALLOWED. 2 COPIES (OR ONE COPY AND ONE PIANO PART) ARE NEEDED FOR YOU AND THE JUDGE. YOUR COPY CAN BE MARKED IN PENCIL.**

While exact times can not be chosen, we have been successful in the past at receiving nearly all of our requests by submitting our application at the earliest possible time in the season. Therefore, it is extremely important for all students to return the form below to Mr. Levy, Mr. Whitman or Ms. Carey before the **February 15th deadline** has passed.

At this time all we need to know is the level of the solo you intend on playing, the requested date and time range you would like to perform, and your name, grade level and instrument you will be performing on. Students attending NYSSMA on two separate instruments should submit two separate forms. If you intend on performing a Jazz Solo or a Piano Solo, these are held at different locations on different dates and require separate forms.

Please see Mr. Levy, Mr. Whitman or Ms. Carey with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Blind Brook Music Department
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Name _____ Grade _____ Instrument/Vocal Part _____

Level of Solo: I II III IV V VI All-State

Preferred Date: Friday, April 19 or Saturday, April 20

Preferred Time Range: _____ (note - choose between the following: Friday from 4pm-6pm or 7pm-9pm and Saturday from 9am-12pm or 1pm-5pm)

DOWN COUNTY INSTRUMENTAL – Blue Form