

Haldane Music Department

Haldane Central School
Craigside Drive
Cold Spring, NY 10516

January, 2018

Dear NYSSMA Solo Festival students and parents,

This year's NYSSMA Solo Festival will be held on **May 4th and 5th, 2018** at George Fischer Middle School in Carmel, New York. This is the location for classical, jazz, vocal, instrumental, and piano solos. Please see Ms. Frabotta or Ms. Stein if you plan to attend NYSSMA on piano or a string instrument.

Each instrumental participant must perform scales memorized, one solo from the current NYSSMA Manual, and demonstrate sight-reading skills. Each student will play individually for a certified NYSSMA Adjudicator who will provide a score and written evaluation of their performance. A student's NYSSMA score can help them be selected for PCMEA All County (middle school), NYSSMA Area-All State (high school), and All State Festival (high school). Please note that students performing an All State Audition **must** perform with an accompanist.

It is required that all participants purchase their own original publication of their solo. When you purchase the music, many will include a solo part (for the student) and a piano accompaniment (for the adjudicator). If there is no piano accompaniment, you will need to purchase two originals. Without original parts for the student and the adjudicator, the student will not be allowed to play. If you decide on a solo with your private teacher, please check with me to be sure it is listed in the most recent NYSSMA Manual.

Students and their parents are responsible for their own transportation to and from NYSSMA Solo Festival. Scheduling is on a first-come-first-serve basis. In order to obtain your preferred date and time, **please fill in the form on the attached page and return it along with the participation fees no later than Wednesday, January 31st.**

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessica Stein
Haldane Band Director

NYSSMA Solo Level	Participation Fee
I-II	\$16 (Piano-\$22)
III-IV	\$16 (Piano-\$22)
V-VI	\$24 (Piano-\$30)
All State	\$30

Student's Name _____

Title of Solo _____

Composer _____ Arranger _____

Level of Solo _____ Participation Fee(s) Included: \$ _____

(Make checks payable to the Haldane Music Department)

You can purchase the solo from one of the companies below:
 (please remember that you must have the original solo part, and either another original solo part or the accompaniment for the adjudicator)

Catalano's Music Center
 516-488-2522
 Catamusic.com

J.W. Pepper
 1-800-345-6296
 jwpepper.com

Sheet Music Plus
 1-800-743-3868
 sheetmusicplus.com

Preferred time (Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices):

_____ Friday, May 4, 2018 - Afternoon

_____ Friday, May 4, 2018 - Evening

_____ Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Morning

_____ Saturday, May 5, 2018 - Afternoon