



NEW JERSEY ALL-STATE CHORUS

Director Information

The purpose of NJ All-State Chorus is to offer a unique educational experience to the best qualified vocal students in New Jersey. NJMEA member teachers are eligible to sponsor these students. Accepted students will perform choral literature of the highest quality under the direction of an outstanding conductor.

NJ All-State Chorus is sponsored by *New Jersey Music Educators Association, New Jersey Education Association* and the *National Association for Music Education*.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Video Adjudication Date/Location:

Saturday, April 25, 2020 – Monroe Twp. High School

Audition Results:

- Results will be available at www.auditionforms.com
- Results posted on www.njmea.org during the week of April 27th
- The Mixed Chorus is selected in order from the top ranking students down.
- The Treble Chorus is selected after the cut is made for Mixed Chorus in sequential order.
- Sopranos and altos may not choose between the Mixed and Treble Chorus.

Director Responsibilities:

- All Choral Directors submitting student audition videos must be present the entire Video Adjudication day. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in your accepted students being disqualified.
- Please email **BARBARA RETZKO** or **CHERYL BREITZMAN** if you need to send a substitute to fulfill your duty. The substitute must be a NAFME member and proof of that membership must be faxed to the manager BEFORE the day of auditions.
- If you have students accepted into either the MIXED CHORUS or TREBLE CHORUS, you have a **second responsibility** to assist with a rehearsal or at a performance. If you have students accepted into both the MIXED CHORUS and TREBLE CHORUS, you are asked to serve at one additional rehearsal or performance. You have TWO DUTIES: One at video adjudications and one second duty of your choice:
 - Rehearsal assistant at ONE rehearsal for either choir.
 - Counselor in Atlantic City (Mixed Chorus).
 - Counselor in TBD (Treble Choir).
 - Assist the manager for the entire day at the MIXED CHORUS November NJPAC concert or the TREBLE CHORUS February NJPAC concert.
 - Serve as a host school for rehearsals.
- Teachers failing to fulfill their responsibility to the 2020 MIXED CHORUS or 2021 TREBLE CHORUS will forfeit their student participation the following year.

Director Registration:

- Registration for the NJ All-State Chorus will be found at www.auditionforms.com
- Issues with online registration or video upload – Click the CHAT BUTTON on the lower right hand corner of the screen.

Fees:

- There is a \$22.00 application fee per student. Please make **one check** payable to **NJMEA**.
- Please note: NJMEA will only accept checks from a sponsoring director or school.
- NJMEA does not accept cash, school purchase orders, or parent checks.



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Video Adjudicators:

- All directors have a commitment to serve as a Video Adjudicator once every other year.
- Video Adjudicators must attend the adjudication day in its entirety.
- **Exemptions** - NJMEA Board of Directors members and members of the Choral Procedures Committee, conductors, audition managers, chorus and registration managers and accompanists are exempt from the list of Director Duties.

VIDEO ADJUDICATORS:

- All Directors will be required to acknowledge their Video Adjudicating responsibilities prior to proceeding with online student registration.
- When you click the "All-State Chorus" tab, your service history to the NJ All-State Chorus audition process from 2008-2019, along with your pre-determined obligations for 2020 will display.
- The website may also indicate "[Role Name] (Exempt)" for Directors who serve as "Choral Procedures", "Conductor", "Executive Board", "NJ PAC Manager", "Registration/Audition Manager", "Retired" and "Audition Host or Rehearsal Host".
- The website will deny further access to the "NJ A-S Chorus" tab until you click the "I acknowledge..." checkbox and submit the form. This acknowledgement will be timestamped and stored in the system.
- Are you due to serve but are unable? All requests to be excused from serving as a Video Adjudicator for the 2020 Auditions must be directed via email to Choral Procedures Chairperson - Wayne Mallette (wayne.mallette1@gmail.com)
- Wayne will record the request/excuse for future reference. The request/excuse does not change the rules; you will be required to serve as a Video Adjudicator next year and have your record noted as 'Excused' for 2020.

• ALL MAILINGS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 27, 2020

NAfME Membership:

- All Directors must be current members of NAfME in order to sponsor a student for auditions.
- The NAfME membership card must be valid through April 30, 2020.
- For validation of membership, contact NAfME at 800.828.0229 or www.nafme.org

Practice tracks & Quintet – "The Silver Swan" by Orlando Gibbons:

- Practice tracks for all pitches and the Silver Swan recording is available on www.auditionforms.com.

Scores and Scoring Rubric:

- Please refer to the Student Audition Information for the scoring rubric which will be used to evaluate all 2020 Video submissions.
- Each Choral Director will be able to access student scores at www.auditionforms.com.
- Reviewing these scores with your students provides an excellent teaching opportunity by reinforcing strengths and weaknesses of their audition.

Student Eligibility:

- All sponsoring teachers must be music educators and members of NAfME.
- Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 are eligible to submit a video audition for the NJ All-State Chorus.
- Only the best qualified students who have proven themselves to be of good character to their public/private school choral program may audition.
- Singers may audition on ONE voice part only.
- **Each school may send a maximum of 30 students to audition.**



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- If a public/private school does not have an established and recognized Choral Program, the student may qualify for the NJ All-State organization with the endorsement of a music teacher who is a member of NAFME. [NJMEA Handbook].
- Home School students are only eligible to submit a video audition if the choral director from their hometown or their private music teacher sponsors them. The sponsoring teacher must be a member of NAFME and be able to verify the performance ability of the student.
- All applications must have the proper signatures. If the school teacher agrees to allow another NAFME qualified music teacher to sign for/sponsor the student, the student's school teacher and administrator must still sign, acknowledging and supporting the applicant. Copies of current NAFME cards for both teachers must be mailed/faxed to the audition manager. Sponsorship is defined as: signing the forms, acquiring appropriate signatures, confirming the student's musical ability, the student's standing in the program, and attending the video adjudication date in its entirety.

Student Registration:

- Student Registration for the NJ All-State Chorus will be found at www.auditionforms.com

Tonal Memory

- Effective Spring 2019, there is no Tonal Memory component of the NJ All-State Video audition.

Voice Part Choices and Changes

- Students of any gender can submit a video audition for any voice part at the discretion of their Director.
- With the inception of video auditions, there is no voice part change date. Once the video is **APPROVED** and **SUBMITTED**, the voice part is locked in and cannot be changed.

Weather – Cancellations/Postponements:

- All announcements will be placed on the NJMEA website www.njmea.org

STUDENT ACCEPTANCE INTO THE NJ ALL-STATE MIXED CHORUS OR TREBLE CHORUS

Acceptance

- Students who accept membership into the All-State **Mixed** Chorus cannot accept membership into the All-State Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble or Jazz Chorus.
- Students who accept membership into the All-State **Mixed** Chorus can accept membership into the All-State Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band as membership in this ensemble would not conflict with rehearsal and performance schedules.
- Students who accept membership into the All-State **Mixed** or **Treble Chorus** and do not fulfill their obligations will not be permitted to audition the following year.
- Students who accept membership into the All-State Treble Chorus cannot accept membership into the All-State Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Band as both rehearsal and performance schedules are in conflict. Students can accept membership into All-State Orchestra.

Attendance policy:

- Students are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts.
- One absence will result in testing at the following rehearsal.
- Two missed rehearsals will result in expulsion from the ensemble.
- Students must attend all activities in their entirety.
- An absence is defined as missing any scheduled rehearsal or ANY PART THEREOF.
- Failure to attend any concert will result in the loss of the All-State pin and eligibility to audition for any NJMEA ensemble the following year.



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ATTENDANCE: If your students are picked up later than 20 minutes after a rehearsal's end time, this will count as an absence. Please reinforce the ending times of each rehearsal with them and encourage them to arrange transportation accordingly.

Concert Dates:

- Mixed Choir
 - Atlantic City - November 6, 2020 at 7pm.
 - NJPAC - Sunday, November 15, 2020 at 3:00pm.
- Treble Choir - NJPAC - Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 3:00pm.

Fees:

- Acceptance/Music/Rehearsal tracks Fee - \$35.00 per student.
- Housing in Atlantic City (Mixed) or East Brunswick (Treble)
 - QUAD HOUSING – 4students, 2 beds = TBA upon acceptance
 - DOUBLE HOUSING-2 students, 2 beds = TBA upon acceptance
 - Housing Payment Deadline – August 16, 2020
- Transportation for North students to Atlantic City is approximately \$55.00
 - Transportation is **not provided** for the Treble Chorus.
- NJMEA is not responsible for any financial obligation of the students who participate in the All-State Chorus.

Housing:

- All members of the NJ All-State Chorus must stay at the designated hotels in Atlantic City.

Rehearsal/Concert Dates:

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| • MIXED – Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 2-5:00 pm. | Location: TBD |
| • MIXED & TREBLE – Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 8 –Noon | Location: TBD |
| • MIXED & TREBLE – Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 8 –Noon | Location: Edison HS |
| • MIXED & TREBLE – Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 8 –Noon | Location: Edison HS |
| • MIXED – Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020 to Friday Nov. 6, 2020 | Location: Atlantic City |
| • TREBLE – Sunday, February 7, 2021 from 1– 5pm. | Location: JFK HS |
| • TREBLE – Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 to Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 | Location: TBD |

Transportation

- Schools and/or parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from all rehearsals.
- Students in either chorus may NOT drive themselves to Atlantic City, East Brunswick, or NJPAC.
- Students in MIXED CHORUS who live in the NORTH can opt to take bussing provided by NJMEA to Atlantic City. Transportation for NORTH students to Atlantic City is approximately \$55.



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**ALL STUDENT APPLICATIONS,
THE DIRECTOR'S AGREEMENT AND
THE TEACHER ESTIMATE FORM MUST BE PRINTED FROM
WWW.AUDITIONFORMS.COM.**

****HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED****

DEADLINES:

Online Student Video Submissions & Applications

Midnight March 20, 2020

(This is the final date that students may upload videos.
After the 20th, Directors may continue to upload.)

Director Online Registration - Midnight March 27, 2020

(This is the final date to upload all videos.)

Director Postmark Deadline – March 27, 2020

(This is the date where signed applications, Director's agreement, Teacher Estimate Form, Check to NJMEA and current NAFME card must be stamped with a March 27th postmark or sooner.)

DIRECTOR ONLINE APPLICATION:

WWW.AUDITIONFORMS.COM

- **CURRENT NAFME INFORMATION:** In order to complete your Director Application, you will need to include a copy of your current NAFME membership card (membership good through April 30, 2020).
- Contact NAFME at (800) 828 – 0229 or www.nafme.org for validation/renewal.
- **EXPIRED NAFME MEMBERSHIP:** You **MUST** contact NAFME and FAX the Audition Manager verification of your renewed membership.
- Director Online Registration will close at midnight on March 27, 2020.

TO BE MAILED BY THE SPONSORING DIRECTOR:

1. **STUDENT APPLICATION = ENDORSEMENT/SIGNATURE PAGE(S)**
One per student, complete with four authentic signatures (Student, Parent/Guardian, Director, Principal). Please alphabetize your applications for mailing.
2. **TEACHER ESTIMATE FORM**
Print a PDF from your account on www.auditionforms.com
3. **SIGNED DIRECTOR'S AGREEMENT**
4. A copy of the back of your current NAFME membership card (in good standing)
ATTACHED to the form, please.
5. Check payable to NJMEA for online video submission fees - \$22 per student.



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WHERE TO SEND YOUR MATERIALS:

The 21 counties of New Jersey have been divided by four managers. Please send **Teacher Estimate Form**, **Signed Applications**, **Director's Agreement**, **Copy of Current NAFME card** and **check made payable to NJMEA** to your respective COUNTY Registration Manager.

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Atlantic
Cumberland
Essex
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Thank you!