

HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
New York State School Music Association

Solo/Ensemble Rating Application – All-State

Festival Dates: **May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2011 at Old Field Middle School**

Standards:

In order to participate, the student must:

1. Be recommended by a music instructor.
2. Be able to prepare the solo outside of class time.
3. Be responsible for transportation to and from the Festival.
4. Supply two (2) original copies of the solo to be performed.

**No xerox copies will be permitted.**

Forms must be signed by your music teacher and returned to the High School Music Office **no later than Monday, February 28, 2011.**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_\_\_\_\_ Grade in School\_\_\_\_\_ Sex\_\_\_\_\_

School\_\_\_\_\_ Instrument or Voice Part\_\_\_\_\_

Check One: (    ) Solo with Piano Accompaniment (    ) Unaccompanied Solo

Name of Accompanist\_\_\_\_\_

(Note: It is important to provide the name of your accompanist to avoid scheduling conflicts. If not known at this time, call information in to music office 673-2106 ASAP. All-State solos must be performed with accompaniment unless the piece is listed as unaccompanied.)

Note: If you are performing any other type of All-State solo, please list it here:

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Selection from **New NYSSMA Manual XXIX:**\_\_\_\_\_

Composer\_\_\_\_\_ Publisher\_\_\_\_\_

Grade of Music:\_\_\_\_\_ Page No. In NYSSMA Manual:\_\_\_\_\_

School Music Ensembles you participate in \_\_\_\_\_

Out of school music organizations\_\_\_\_\_

Music Honors\_\_\_\_\_

Previous NYSSMA Ratings:(Level & # Grade) Grade 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Your piece must be listed in the **New NYSSMA Manual XXIX** or your performance will not be rated.

**Fee:** Solo or Ensemble (Levels- All-State): **\$26.00**

Make checks payable to **"Huntington Music Department"**

I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Festival at a festival site. A check for the proper amount is attached. I understand that the fee **cannot be refunded.**

Signature of Parent\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Private Music Instructor (If applicable)\_\_\_\_\_

Huntington Music Teacher's Initials\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Kindly indicate the reason and times that you **cannot** perform due to extraordinary circumstances that limit your performance availability (i.e., religious observance, family wedding, examination, etc.) **Check your accompanist's availability to avoid conflicts.**

Time/Date **Cannot** perform\_\_\_\_\_

Reason\_\_\_\_\_

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION)

## ABOUT THE NYSSMA SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

Dear Parents and Students:

Each spring, the New York State School Music Association provides an opportunity for student musicians to perform a solo and/or small ensemble piece that is rated by a qualified adjudicator. Students must prepare a set of scales and sight read a short segment of music in addition to playing their solo. Judges rate the performance using many different categories and determine a final numerical score which then determines the letter grade assigned. The original rating sheet with the adjudicator's comments is returned to the student a few days after the Festival. Every student who participates earns a medal with a ribbon which represents the grade received. **Medals must be purchased by the student and ordered the day of the Festival in the High School Music Office.**

The Festival is a wonderful learning experience for student musicians. To make it a successful and positive part of their musical development, students must select a piece at an appropriate level of difficulty and prepare it fully, with the help of a private instructor. Band, orchestra and choral students who perform exceptionally well may be recommended for the All-County Festival Ensembles which prepare and perform concerts the following school year.

Should you have any questions about the festival, please call me at the Music Department Office at 673-2106.

Best wishes for a great performance!

Sincerely,

Joan R. Fretz  
Dir. of Fine & Performing Arts

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### Important Information about Scheduling

This year, the Huntington School District will run its festival on Monday, May 2, 2011. All students will be scheduled at the Huntington High School festival.

1. **All State students:** The All-State Festival will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 at Old Field Middle School in the Harborfields School District. You must be available both days. If you need to request a specific time period (i.e.: Friday evening, Saturday afternoon) due to your accompanist's availability, you must do so on your registration form. **You need an accompanist unless your piece is unaccompanied.** Please secure your accompanist before the registration deadline. All State students may not perform at an alternate site, due to the proficiency rating sheets that are created by the judges for each site, on the day of the festival.

2. **All Jazz, Guitar and Drumset students** will be performing at Udall Road Middle School in the West Islip School District on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011.