

HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
New York State School Music Association

Solo/Ensemble Rating Application – Level I-IV (Non All State)

Festival Date: **Monday, May 2, 2011 at Huntington High School**

Site: All students will perform at Huntington High School on Monday.

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 Friday, March 4, 2011.**

Name(s) _____
(If ensemble, list names of all performers)

School _____ Instrument or Voice Part _____

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

Phone _____

Name of Accompanist _____
If you check "with piano accompanist" you must provide the name of the accompanist to avoid scheduling conflicts. If not known at this time, call information in to the music office 673-2106 ASAP.

If you do not check "with piano accompaniment," you will be scheduled in a room without a piano.

Note: If you are performing any other type of solo or ensemble, please list it here:

Selection from **New NYSSMA Manual XXIX** _____

Composer _____ Publisher _____

Grade of Music: _____ Page No. In NYSSMA Manual: _____
Note: Your piece must be listed in the **New NYSSMA Manual XXIX** or your performance will not be rated. You must have two copies of your piece. No Xeroxed copies are permitted.

Fee: Solo or Ensemble (Levels I-IV): **\$14.00** (all except piano)
Note: Piano Fee \$19.00 (playing piano only)
Make checks payable to **"Huntington Music Department"**

I give my child _____ permission to participate in the NYSSMA Solo Festival at a festival site. I will assume responsibility for transportation. 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.)

Time/Date **Cannot** perform _____

Reason _____

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

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 20th and 21st, 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 8th and 9th, 2011.