

Arizona Music Educators Association
North Central Region



2018 ALL-REGION FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS & DIRECTORS

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Congratulations and thanks for making the regional selection process a positive experience for all.

Welcome to the Regional Festival! The following information is directly related to your success as you proceed through the Regional and All-State experience. Please read it carefully.

REGISTRATION, PARTICIPATION FORMS AND FEES

Please notify your division chair **immediately** if you have a student that will NOT participate in the Festival. This will allow an opportunity for an alternate to participate. Don't forget to register your students by the **February 9th deadline!** The Participation form/Contract is attached to this email. Please print off and bring to the Region Festival. These should be given to the respective Band, Orchestra or Choir chairpersons at the start of rehearsal on Friday.

ROSTERS OF ALL-REGIONAL GROUPS/PROGRAM CORRECTIONS

Please check the spelling of the names of your students as they appear on the rosters that are emailed to you and contact Josh Thye, Regional Governor to correct any misspellings.

MUSIC

All music should have been received digitally, via an email from each Chair. Contact the Regional Governor immediately if anything is missing. Please have all students **number all measures** in pencil. This will help during the rehearsal process. Choir students are to return music after they leave the stage at the conclusion of their performance. Please assist your students in their preparation of the music.

Make sure to have the music well prepared before the first rehearsal on Friday, February 16th, 2018. A Music Check/Seating Audition will take place on the first day of the festival at the start of the day. A student who comes to the festival unprepared will not be allowed to participate and will forfeit their chance to audition for All-State.

MEALS

Arrangements for meals are the responsibility of each director and student. There are several shopping centers with a variety of culinary options in the vicinity.

TICKETS

Two complimentary tickets for the festival concert will be given to each student at the end of Friday's rehearsal-please remember to give these to your parents immediately when you get home from rehearsal! Additional tickets will be on sale for \$5 each starting at 2:15 pm at the concert site.

FESTIVAL DATES SITE AND CONCERT

CONCERT: 3:00 PM Saturday February 17th

FESTIVAL: February 16th and 17th, 2018

SITE: Camelback High School – 4612 North 28th Street, Phoenix, AZ

NORTH CENTRAL REGION HONOR FESTIVAL CLINICIANS/CONDUCTORS

Band: Gary Hill

Orchestra: Rob Lubbers

Choir: Dr. Edith Copley

ORGANIZING CHAIRPERSONS

Band: Stacey Garcia, Williams Field

Orchestra: Matt Wright, Westwood HS

Choir: Cori VanderLey, Horizon Honors HS

ATTENDANCE POLICY - students

Make certain that you have carefully read and understand the following attendance policy
FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS MUSIC ATTEND EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY REHEARSAL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL CONCERT. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THE REMOVAL FROM THE FESTIVAL AND FORFEITURE OF THE ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL-STATE.

ATTENDANCE POLICY - directors

Make certain that you have carefully read and understand the following attendance policy
DIRECTORS OF STUDENTS SELECTED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL FESTIVAL ARE **REQUIRED** TO BE PRESENT AT ALL REHEARSALS DURING THE FESTIVAL. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO FULFILL THIS POLICY. YOU ARE ULTIMATELY LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EACH OF YOUR STUDENTS. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN THE DIRECTOR'S ADMINISTRATION BEING CONTACTED REGARDING YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR STUDENTS. Please reference the AMEA Handbook with any questions.

REGION MEETING

The regional meeting will take place on Saturday morning, February 20th, 2018 at 10am in the director's hospitality room at Camelback HS. ALL DIRECTORS IN THE REGION SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING. Please turn in the Participation Contracts at this meeting. Directors not attending will not be able to participate in the selection of next year's chairperson and clinicians. We will also discuss this year's festival and take feedback on improving the event.

CONCERT DRESS

Women: A nice dress appropriate for the occasion. In the past, ladies have preferred a long dress or a long skirt and blouse. (Shoulders covered)
Nice dress pants are also acceptable.

Men: **Required:** dress pants, dress shirt, and tie. Dress shoes (CLEAN) and dark socks.
NO JEANS (Optional: Sport Coat or suit coat.)

DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Please stress the importance of punctuality to your students and provide your students with assistance in learning the Festival Music. Thanks for all your support and cooperation as we do our best to make this a great and educationally beneficial festival.

Musically Yours,

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