

Announcing the 2017 – 2018 High School MSBOA All-State Honors Band and Orchestra!

Middle School band and orchestra students from all over the State of Michigan are invited to audition for the Michigan All-State Band or All-State Orchestra. There will be a high school band and full orchestra, however this notice is specifically for the 7th and 8th grade. The personnel for this ensemble are selected by recorded auditions. The selected musicians then gather for three days of rehearsals at the Michigan Music Conference (MMC) with some of the finest conductors in the country. This year's All-State Middle School Orchestra conductor will be Scott Laird from North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. A gala concert on Saturday concludes the event. Selected musicians will rehearse and perform on January 25-27 during the 2018 Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids.

Here are the facts you need to know:

- When are the auditions?
 - **October 28 and 29**
- What is the Registration Deadline for auditions?
 - All-State Applications and audition fees (\$10 Paid in CASH) are due to your Director **no later than Friday, September 22nd, 2017.**
- Where are the auditions?
 - Saline High School
- What music do I play for the audition?
 - Each student will perform an etude, a series of scales and will sight read a short musical example.
- Is there a judge in the room?
 - No! The only person in the room is simply there to push record. You don't even have to dress up!
- Is there a fee involved?
 - There is a fee of \$10 to audition (Paid in CASH). Auditioning on multiple instruments will require separate auditions and fees.
- Are there any other fees?
 - If selected, the fee to participate is \$60.00. Other expenses such as housing, transportation and meals will be the student/parent responsibility.
- If selected, what is the All State Weekend like?

Students will rehearse Thursday afternoon, all day Friday, and Saturday morning, January 25-27, 2018. The concert will be presented Saturday, January 27. All rehearsals and the performance will be in the DeVos Place Convention Center as a part of the Michigan Music Conference (MMC) and will be open to registered convention attendees. In addition, the students selected for this honor will have access to the conference including exhibits and concerts. Housing arrangements and expenses will be up to the families of the selected students.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your musician. We would encourage every student who is interested in an advanced ensemble experience to audition! **The Audition Requirements are listed on the next sheet. Have fun and good luck!**

More information is available at MSBOA.org

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Please complete this form and return it to your director. Please pay the \$10 audition fee to Ms. Stout IN CASH (no checks). Complete both no later than **Friday, September 22, 2017.**

Student's First Name: _____ Student's Last Name: _____

Student's Grade Level (circle): 7 8 Student's Instrument: _____

Student's Home Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State MI ZIP _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Student Preferred Audition Date (circle): Sat Sun (Honored if possible)

Student Preferred Audition Time (circle): Early Middle Late (Honored if possible)

Parent Signature: _____