



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear Middle School Orchestra Directors,

It is time to prepare your students for auditioning for this year's CMEA-CCS Middle School Honor Orchestra.

This year will provide yet another opportunity for your students to experience working with a very exciting conductor and to experience playing in a large orchestra. Mr. Scott Krijnen is our conductor this year. He has taught at Castillero Middle School and Redwood Middle School for the past 11 years. He conducts the Cambrian Symphony as well as the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra. Mr. Krijnen also received the "Richard L. Levin Orchestra Educator of the Year" award for the state of California this year.

Audition materials will be posted on the CMEA-CCS website (www.ccsmusic.org) on Monday, September 19th. Please note that we are using an online submission process this year for all audition recordings and judging. All paperwork and audition fees will still need to be mailed or hand delivered to me.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- This year's event will be held at **The Henry J. Mello Center for Performing Arts** in Watsonville.
- Thursday, January 26, 2017, 5:00-8:00p.m. Rehearsal
- Friday, January 27, 2017, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Rehearsal
- Saturday, January 28, 2017, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal
- 2:00p.m. – The Concert

AUDITION PROCEDURES AND TIMELINE

Monday, September 19, 2016 – Audition Materials and Paperwork available online
Monday, September 26, through November 16, 2016- Online audition submission window
Monday, November 7, 2016 – All forms and fees due to the Event Chair
Wednesday, November 16, 2016- Digital submissions due by **5:00PM**
Saturday-Sunday, November 19 – 20, 2016 – Online listening sessions

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All forms and audition materials are available for download from the CCS Website. (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups >MS Orchestra. Please download the Honors Application Packet 2016-2017, Middle School Honor Orchestra Audition Set B -2017, and the Middle School Honor Orchestra Director's Letter Packet. Please let me know if there are any orchestra directors who are unable to access the email or the webpage and need information mailed.

CCS policy states that directors must be current NAFME members at the time of the auditions and the event. All NAFME membership transactions are through their webpage located at <http://musiced.nafme.org> . If you have questions call Membership Services (800-336-3768 ext. 213) to speak with a membership service representative.

Auditions will be conducted by the review of an unaltered recording. Be sure to proof listen to the recordings you submit and do not speak on the recording.

*Audition fee: \$5.00 per student

*Participation fee (if accepted): \$30.00 per student

*CCS only accepts one director or school check per group. Checks from students or parents will not be accepted.

*Please submit one Teacher and School Information form for each Honor group and a Student Honor Group

Application for each auditioning student.

*Audition fees and paperwork must be postmarked by November 7th, to:

Chris West, Stevenson School Carmel Campus, PO Box AP, Carmel, Ca. 93921

*Online submissions must be received by Wednesday, November 16th by 5:00p.m.

**Please note we will not accept auditions for students who have not previously submitted applications and fees.

ONLINE AUDITIONS + SUBMISSION WINDOW

This year all CMEA-CCS instrumental groups will use www.festivalscores.com for submitting auditions. The website is very straightforward and I think you will enjoy the simplicity of this process. Teachers will have a more involved roll with their students' uploads so we have created a large "submission window" to help schools submitting many auditions.

The submission window will be from September 26 through November 16, 2016. Teachers can upload their students' auditions as they are ready rather than all at once. Please note that the final day to upload a recording is November 16th by 5:00p.m.

Teachers will no longer need to meet on a Saturday for a Listening Session. Teachers will be assigned a section to judge and can do so from the comfort of home at a time that is most convenient.

The adjudication weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20, 2016.

A handout and a video tutorial will be created and sent out to help assist with this process.

CCS 2016-2017 LISTENING POLICY

In an effort to increase teacher involvement, CCS requires that all teachers who submit student audition materials help adjudicate student auditions. Each teacher will be assigned a section to judge.

AUDITION RESULTS

Directors will receive a complete list of audition results by Monday, November 27, 2016. Accepted students should confirm their schedules as they are expected to punctually attend all rehearsals and the performance. Sports, SSATs and all other extra curricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence or tardiness to the rehearsals or the performance. SSATs can be scheduled different weekends. Students and families should plan ahead.

All music will be sent out or hand delivered by December 1. Please encourage as many students as possible to audition for the Honor Orchestra. Each year this proves to be a marvelous experience for students, parents and teachers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris West

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