



South Dakota Music Educators Association

General Information Letter

2021 SDMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND

Mitchell Performing Arts Center, Mitchell, SD - February 5-6, 2021

Clinicians: Mr. David Martinson and Mr. Ben Koch

For the fifth year, we are excited to offer South Dakota Middle School All-State Jazz Band! We believe this will offer a unique and valuable experience to young jazz musicians in our state. We hope your students will find this to be a challenging and musically fulfilling experience.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students in grades 6-8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school band program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the band director or the student's private lesson instructor. (Band Director/ Instructor **MUST** be a current member of SDMEA.)
2. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts. **No alternates will be placed for those students that are selected and choose not to attend the event.**

Audition Requirements

1. All auditions will be submitted online using Google Forms. A link and directions for uploading will be sent in an email to directors. Make sure the Event Chair (listed below) has your email address!
2. Each scale, etude, and optional improv will be uploaded individually, in Mp3 format
3. The scales and etudes should be played in the appropriate style, at the marked tempos.
4. Do not have the students identify themselves when recording.
5. The individual scales and etudes must be recorded in one take. Any evidence of editing will result in disqualification. Directors are to be especially aware of this and make it clear to students if they do any of their recordings at home.

Audition Information

1. **Audition deadline is Friday, January 8th, 2021**
Google Forms will be utilized to manage the audition process. The audition window will open on December 10th and close at 11:59 PM CDT on January 8th. This will allow for a prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by January 11th, 2021 and on the SDMEA website soon after. Instructions on how to upload auditions will be posted on the SDMEA website.
2. **There is a \$9 audition fee** (per audition). Audition fees must be made by sending ONE check to Calvin Lipetzky at 700 E Holly Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005. (Do NOT send cash.)
 - a. **Checks need to be made payable to SDMEA.** (ONE check per school please)
 - b. Wait until audition results have been announced before sending a combined audition and registration check. Checks must be postmarked by January 18th, 2021
3. There will be an additional registration fee of \$9 per student selected to the festival or honor band. That registration fee also will be due **January 18th, 2021.**
4. **Auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated.**

Chair - Calvin Lipetzky (Calvin.Lipetzky@k12.sd.us) - 700 E Holly Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005 - 605-582-3214

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