



General Information Letter

South Dakota Music Education Association
2018 SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra
Rapid City Central High School
February 23-24, 2018
Chad Hutchinson, conductor

<http://sdmea.net/events/middle-school-all-state-orchestra>

You are invited to audition students for the 2nd annual SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra! Last year was a wonderful learning experience for all involved, which resulted in a fabulous and uplifting performance. We are excited for next year's event to be a part of the new "South Dakota String Teachers Conference" which will also feature the SDSTA J. Laiten Weed Honors Orchestra, an in-service for credit, and a music reading session.

Eligibility Requirements

Students in grades 6-8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school orchestra program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the orchestra teacher or the student's private lesson instructor. If no orchestra teacher is at the school, the band teacher may submit the recordings. The orchestra/band director or private lesson instructor MUST be a current member of SDMEA. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of MSASO. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts. In most cases, no alternates will be placed for those students that are selected and choose not to attend the event.

Audition Requirements

Auditions will be submitted online beginning November 1st, 2017. After receiving teacher feedback about last year's audition process, we are switching to video auditions submitted through an unlisted link on YouTube into a Google Form. Audition materials and instructions for uploading and submitting the video auditions are available by going to the SDMEA.net web link at the top of this page.

Audition deadline is December 1, 2017. Any auditions submitted to the Google Form after 11:59 PM CDT on December 1, 2017 will not be accepted. This allows for a prompt adjudication, with notification to the director's email by December 20, 2017, and on the SDMEA website soon after.

There is a \$9 audition fee (per audition).

- Payment accepted only by check made out to SDMEA; do not send cash.
- Please submit only one check per school.
- Mail check to Jon Bakken (Address below).
- Checks need to be postmarked by December 8th, 2017.

There will be an additional registration fee of \$9 per student selected to the orchestra, and that registration fee will be due February 1, 2018. Submitted auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated.

Thank you for encouraging your students to audition for the 2018 SDMEA Middle School All State Orchestra!

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