



New Paltz
Central School District
NEW PALTZ MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NYSSMA Solo Festival: **April 24 or April 25, 2020 @ Kingston High School**

What is NYSSMA? - The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Solo Festival provides students with a personal musical performance goal by holding an adjudicated solo festival.

What happens at NYSSMA? You prepare and perform an appropriate solo of your choice from the NYSSMA manual along with scales and sight-reading. Professional judges assess your playing and give you performance suggestions.

Should I consider going to NYSSMA? Ask yourself these questions:

- “Do I practice my instrument regularly?”
- If you have a private instrumental teacher, “Does my private teacher want me to participate?”
- “Do I understand that learning my solo, my scales, and working on my sight reading is my responsibility?”
- “Will I make the effort to check my solo with Mrs. Nosovsky, BEFORE it’s too late to improve it?”

If your answers to these questions is “YES!”, then you need to do the following:

1. Share this letter with your parents, sign and return it to me with your check for the appropriate amount **listed below** made out to “New Paltz Middle School”, **no later than Friday, February 21st**.
2. Ask Mrs. Nosovsky, or your private instrument teacher, to help you to select an appropriate audition level and solo. ****IT MUST COME FROM THE NYSSMA MANUAL.**
3. Once you have selected your solo from the NYSSMA listing, you must purchase an original copy of this solo with piano accompaniment or, if there is no piano part, **you will need a 2nd copy of the original.** Only original copies are acceptable, one for you and one for the judge to view while you play.
****you can borrow original copies you need from our Middle School library, if available****
4. You will provide Mrs. Nosovsky with the level and title of your solo **no later than March 6th**.
5. By Friday, March 20th, you must demonstrate to Mrs. Nosovsky that you have learned the notes and rhythms of your solo. If you fail to prepare yourself for this March 20th checkpoint, you will forfeit your registration fee. **There are no refunds.**

CIRCLE ONE: I PREFER FRIDAY NIGHT, April 24 (4-6 pm) or FRIDAY NIGHT, April 24 (7-9 pm)
SATURDAY MORNING, April 25 (9 am -12 pm) or SATURDAY AFTERNOON, April 25 (1-4 pm)

**** Time frames are NOT guaranteed.**

Parents must provide transportation for their children to and from this Festival. Bus transportation is not provided.

“I plan to participate in the NYSSMA Solo Festival and understand the information stated above.”

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

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FEE SCHEDULE: Perc/Brass/WW: Level 1-4: \$16 Level: 5-6: \$24
Piano Level 1-4: \$22 Piano Level 5-6: \$30

You may purchase NYSSMA original solos from JW Pepper & Sons, Inc. by calling 800-345-6296 or by calling Barcone’s Music. Specify that this solo is being purchased for the NYSSMA Solo Festival.