

NYSSMA Solo Festival

Vocal and Instrumental

May 8-9, 2015

Solo Information & Permission Slip

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son/daughter has expressed interest in performing a vocal or instrumental solo at the NYSSMA Solo Festival on May 8th or 9th at Colonie Central High School. At the festival, your son/daughter will perform their solo in front of a judge, who will score them and give them comments on their performance. This is a great opportunity for them to gain experience performing solo as well as receive positive and constructive feedback on their performance.

We have already registered your son/daughter for this festival, and therefore, they are responsible for paying the registration fee (see below for amount), regardless if they end up attending the festival or not. Registration fees vary based on the level of music the student has chosen. Registration fees need to be turned in to Miss Allen or Mrs. Paglialonga **no later than Friday, March 13th**.

Students have been assigned a level and will need to pick out a piece to perform from the NYSSMA Manual, if they have not done so already. Please make sure your student stays after-school or during at Study Hall period to pick out a piece.

Students are responsible for providing 2 **original** copies of their solo piece. Federal law does not allow for copies to be used at the festival. Depending on the solo chosen, one or more copies may be available at school. If they are not, both copies must be purchased. Miss Allen and Mrs. Paglialonga can help to determine where to purchase your music from. Good vendors are: Van Curler Music (Schenectady), Stanton's Sheet Music (www.stantons.com), JWPepper (www.jwpepper.com) and often, Amazon (www.amazon.com).

The festival will take place on May 8-9, 2015. Students will be assigned a date/time, likely in early April. Students performing vocal solos will be given a time on Saturday, May 9th only, due to Ms. Cosey's availability to accompany. Students are responsible for finding their own transportation to and from the festival. We will send directions as the date gets closer.

Note for vocal students – Ms. Cosey is accompanying everyone for **free!** We will arrange a rehearsal schedule with her as the festival gets closer. We think it would be a great “token” to Ms. Cosey to give her some sort of gift card for her time. If you are willing to donate a few dollars for this gift card, that would be great! We will collect money towards the end of April for this!

We are very excited that your son/daughter will be participating in the NYSSMA Solo Festival this year. This will be a great opportunity for them to grow musically. Please return the attached permission slip, as well as the registration fee, **no later than Friday, March 13th**. As always, feel free to contact us with any questions! We are looking forward to working with your son/daughter on their solo!

Musically Yours,

Kristina Allen & Jacquelyn Paglialonga

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Permission Slip

I, Parent/Guardian of _____ give my child permission to attend the NYSSMA Solo Festival on either May 8th or May 9th. I understand that I am responsible for providing transportation for my child to and from the festival.

I also understand that students are responsible for paying for their own registration fee, regardless if they end up attending the festival or not.

I acknowledge that my child must comply with all of the school rules and regulations as outlined in the district's code of conduct during this field trip.

In the event of an emergency at the event, I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment. In case of such an emergency, please contact:

_____	_____
(Name)	(Phone Number)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Please return the top half of this sheet to Miss Allen or Mrs. Paglialonga along with payment by March 13th!

Registration Fee Payment Information

Registration Fees vary based on the level of solo your child is performing. Please see below to determine how much you owe:

Levels 1-4 = \$14

Levels 5= \$21

Level 6 (Non-All State) = \$21

Level 6 (All-State) = \$26

Please send in **separate** payment for Vocal/Instrumental Solos.

Vocalists should make checks payable to Kristina Allen.

Instrumentalists should make checks payable to Jacquelyn Paglialonga.

The festival requires one large check with all registration fees from each teacher to be sent in, instead of several smaller checks. Miss Allen & Mrs. Paglialonga will write one large check once your registration fees are received.

Please send in your payment no later than **March 13th!**