



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear High School Band Directors:

September 13, 2017

Thank you for your hard work in preparing your students for this year's CMEA-CCS High School Honor Band. I look forward to receiving your students' auditions and hearing this year's ensemble. The information on the following pages will help you through the audition process and contains all the information needed to ensure that you, your students, and their parents are informed and prepared.

Our conductor this year will be Nathaniel Berman. Professor Berman is Director of Bands at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, February 1, 2017 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

1st Rehearsal @ the Everett Alvarez HS Music Room and Theater
(1900 Independence Blvd. Salinas 93906)

This year's event will be hosted at Hartnell College in Salinas.

Friday, February 2, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday, February 3, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal

The Concert is February 3, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.

AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

Monday, September 25, 2016 - Audition Materials and Paperwork available online

Monday, October 2, through November 15, 2016 – Online audition submission window

Monday, November 6, 2016 –All forms and fees due to the Event Chair

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 - Digital Submissions due by **10:00 PM pacific**.

Saturday-Sunday, November 18-19, 2017 – Online listening sessions

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

We are using set "A" this year for auditions. If you have any questions about quality and interpretation, please email me so I can pass along any oversights. An updated scales sheet and directions for form and tempo requirements has been included. I have uploaded the documents into my Google Drive, and have invited those directors that have contacted me. Please email me at joshua.mack@salinasuhd.org to be added to our shared document folder. The music for the ensemble will also be distributed through this shared Google Drive folder. Please note that we are using an online submission process this year for all audition recordings and judging. All paperwork will still need to be mailed or emailed to me.

All forms are available for download from the CCS Website (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups > HS Band. Please download the Honors Application Packet 2016-2017, High School and the High School Honor Band Director's Letter Packet. Please inform me of any band directors that you know who are unable to access email or the webpage and must be mailed this information.

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.

Audition fee: **\$5.00** per student

Participation fee (if accepted): **\$40.00** 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 student and a Student Honor Group Application for each auditioning student.
- Audition fees and paperwork must be postmarked by **November 7th 2016.**
- If submitting by USPS, mail packages by Monday, November 7th, to:
Josh Mack, Everett Alvarez High School, 1900 Independence Blvd, Salinas, CA 93906
- Online submissions must be received by Wednesday, November 16th by 5:00 PM.
- 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 straight forward 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 open on or before **October 2nd through November 15th, 2017.** By doing this, 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 15th by 10:00 PM pacific time.

Similarly, 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 their homes, at a time that is most convenient. The adjudication weekend will be **Saturday and Sunday, November 18 and 19, 2017.**

Instructions may be accessed online once you register as a teacher at www.festivalscores.com.

CCS 2017-2018 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 26, 2017. Accepted students should confirm their schedules as they are expected to punctually attend all rehearsals

and the performance. Sports and all other extra curricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence or tardiness to the rehearsals or performance.

All music will be sent out in early December. I encourage you to work on Honor Band music with your students and monitor their progress. Please encourage all your students to audition. The experience of preparing an audition is highly rewarding and can spark your students' focus and ambition. All directors are expected to accompany their students for the entirety of the event weekend.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,

Josh Mack

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