



*California Music Educators Association
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Dear Middle School Band Directors

October 2021

Thank you for your hard work in preparing your students for this year's CMEA-CCS Middle 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. Audition materials are currently posted on the CMEA-CCS website (www.ccsmusic.org).

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This year rehearsals will be held outside at their respective sights. There will be **no Thursday evening rehearsal**. The performance will still be held on Saturday afternoon at the venue, however there will be no audience allowed inside during the concert. The performance will be video and audio taped to be posted later this year.

Participating students will need to have proof of covid-19 vaccination or provide a negative covid-19 test taken the week of the event.

Our guest conductor this year will be Mr. Michael Boitz. Mr. Boitz is the director of Performing Arts and teaches Instrumental Music at Saratoga High School. The Saratoga High School Instrumental Music Ensembles have developed a reputation for excellence at the state, national, and international level under the leadership of Mr. Boitz. He has been honored with many awards and has led concert tours all over the world. Mr. Boitz

has been the guest conductor for the CCS Middle School Honor Band before and he's looking forward to working with our talented students once again.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Friday, January 21st, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal at TBD

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal at TBD

The Concert is Saturday January 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. at TBD

AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

Monday, September 13, 2021 - Audition Materials and Paperwork available online

Monday, September 20, 2021 through Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – Online audition submission window

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - All forms and fees due to the Event Chair

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 Digital Submissions due by **5:00 PM**

Friday-Sunday, November 20-23 – Online listening sessions

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All audition materials is available for download from the CCS Website (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups. Please download the Honor Band Application Packet, Middle School Honor Band **Audition Set A**, and the Middle School Honor Band Director's Letter. 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. The fee this year includes a shirt.

- 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 10, 2021**
- If submitting by USPS, mail packages by **Monday, November 8th**, to:

Barry Capiaux, 43 San Benancio Rd Salinas, CA 93908
- Online submissions must be received by Wednesday, November 17th, 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 event code for Instruments/mallet is - G64X9ZD

The event code for Snare/Timpani is - NVZ8DSG

*Percussion (Snare/Timpani) must submit all FIVE excerpts (typo on page says 'four' excerpts)

The submission window will be from **September 20 through November 17, 2021**. 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 17th by 5:00 PM.

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 **Friday through Sunday, November 20-23, 2021.**

CCS 2021-2022 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 **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021**. 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 rehearsals or performance.

All music will be sent out in early December. Teachers are expected to work on Honor Ensemble music with students and monitor their progress prior to the first rehearsal. Please encourage all your students to audition. The experience of preparing an audition is highly rewarding and can spark your students' focus and ambition.

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

Sincerely,

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