



California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear Middle School Orchestra Directors:

October 1, 2021

Thank you for your hard work in preparing your students for this year's CMEA-CCS Middle School Honor Orchestra. 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 will be posted on the CMEA-CCS website (www.ccsmusic.org) on Monday, September 16th. Please note that we are using Festival Scores (festivalscores.com), an online submission process, this year for all audition recordings and judging. All paperwork will still need to be mailed or emailed to me.

Many rigorous safety procedures will be in place to guarantee the safety of our participants and staff. Included among these is that there will be no audience allowed to gather during the concert. The performance will be professionally video and audio recorded to be posted online at a later date.

EVENTS SCHEDULE:

Friday, January 21, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rehearsal location TBA

Saturday, January 22, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rehearsal Location TBA

The Concert is video recorded on January 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Location TBA

AUDITION PROCEDURES/TIMELINE

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

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

Monday, November 5, 2021 –All forms and fees due to the Event Chair

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

Friday-Sunday, November 20-23, 2021 – Online listening sessions

Monday, November 29, 2021 - Posting of the MS Honor Orchestra roster

AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All forms and audition materials are available for download from the CCS Website

(<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups. Please download the Honors Application Packet, Middle School Honor Orchestra **Audition Set A**, and the Middle School Honor Orchestra Director's Letter Packet. Please inform me of any 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 5th 2021.**
- If submitting by USPS, mail packages by Monday, November 1st, to:
Heather Calame, Pacific Collegiate School, 3004 Mission St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.
- Online submissions must be received by Tuesday, November 17th, by 5:00 PM.
- Please note we will not accept auditions for students who have not previously submitted applications and fees.

T-Shirts

Please do not forget that when filling out the forms, students should put their T-shirt size as an adult size.

ONLINE AUDITIONS + SUBMISSION WINDOW

This year all CMEA-CCS instrumental groups will use www.festivalscores.com for submitting auditions.

The event code for middle school orchestra is **8LZXZG4**. Please submit scale 1 and/or excerpt 1 multiple times for any instruments that require fewer than three scales and two excerpts. If your student records everything in one file, you may submit the same file in every space. Auditions with any missing submission slots do not count as “completed” and cannot be graded. Be sure you submit a file in each slot.

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 Tuesday, November 20-23, 2021**.

A handout and a video tutorial are available on the website to help assist with this process. Though the video shows a single sound file upload per student, please note that audition excerpts may be uploaded as separate files.

CCS 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. Please note that the section assigned to you may be from a different ensemble than those you have students auditioning for.**

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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