



## California Music Educators Association Central Coast Section

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Dear Middle School Orchestra Directors,

It is time to prepare your students for this year's CMEA-CCS Middle School Honor Orchestra auditions!

This year's selected students will have the opportunity to play exciting string orchestra repertoire in a large ensemble of players from around the Central Coast region. Notably, they will work with a very exciting conductor, Albert Jeung. Mr. Jeung is the Director of Orchestras at Aliso Niguel High School in the Capistrano Unified School District, has taught string method courses at California State University, Long Beach, and is a former orchestra director at Santa Ana College. Mr. Jeung currently serves as President of the Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association. He has conducted numerous honor orchestras in California, including the CODA High School Honors String Orchestra and the All-Southern Middle School Full and String Orchestras. We are honored that he has agreed to lead this year's group!

CCS Middle School Honor Orchestra audition materials will be posted on the CMEA-CCS website ([www.ccsmusic.org](http://www.ccsmusic.org)) by Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that we are using Festival Scores ([festivalscores.com](http://festivalscores.com)), an online submission process, for all audition recordings and judging. All paperwork and audition fees will still need to be mailed or hand delivered to me.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ORCHESTRA EVENTS SCHEDULE

This year's event will be held at Pacific Grove Middle School in Pacific Grove.

**Thursday, January 17, 2019, 5:00pm-8:00pm:** Rehearsal

**Friday, January 18, 2019, 9:00am-3:00pm:** Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 19, 2019, 9:00am-12:00pm:** Rehearsal

**Saturday, January 19, 2019, 2:00pm:** Concert

### AUDITION PROCEDURES AND TIMELINE

**Monday, September 17, 2018:** Audition Materials and Paperwork available online

**Monday, September 24-Thursday, November 15, 2017:** Online audition submission window

**Monday, November 5, 2017:** All audition forms and fees due to the Event Chair

**Thursday, November 15, 2016:** Digital submissions due by **5:00PM**

**Friday-Sunday, November 16-18, 2017:** Online listening window

### AUDITION PROCEDURE AND FEE INFORMATION

All forms and audition materials will be available for download from the CCS Website (<http://www.ccsmusic.org>) under Honor Groups. Please download the Honors Application Packet, Middle School Orchestra Audition Set A, and the Middle School Honor Orchestra Director's Letter Packet. Please inform me of any orchestra directors that you know who are unable to access email or the webpage so I can mail them this information.

Please note: 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 (<http://musiced.nafme.org>). If you have questions then 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 full recordings before you submit.**

#### AUDITION GUIDELINES

- 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 and a Student Honor Group Application for each auditioning student.
- Audition fees and paperwork must be by hand delivered or postmarked by November 6, 2017 to:  
Sarah Prusasky  
Carmel Middle School  
PO Box 222740, Carmel, CA 93922 (mailing address)  
4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923 (physical address)
- Online submissions must be received by Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00p.m.
- 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](http://www.festivalscores.com) for submitting auditions. The submission window will be from September 25<sup>th</sup> through November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Teachers can upload their students' auditions as they are ready rather than all at once.

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Once the submission window ends then teachers will be assigned sections to judge and can do so from the comfort of home at a time that is most convenient. The adjudication weekend will be Friday-Sunday, November 16-18<sup>th</sup>.

A handout and a video tutorial are available on the website to help assist with this process. Each scale or excerpt should be recorded on a separate track and uploaded as such. In the case of violin II auditions please submit the second scale twice and the first excerpt twice (for a total of 3 required tracks, not 5).

#### CCS 2018-2019 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 sections 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, SSATs and all other extra curricular activities are not acceptable reasons for absence or tardiness to the rehearsals or the performance. Students and families should plan ahead.

All music will be sent out or hand delivered at the beginning of December. Teachers are expected to work on Honor Orchestra music with their students and monitor their progress prior to the first rehearsal. Please encourage as many students as possible to audition for the Honor Orchestra. 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. I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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CCS Middle School Honor Orchestra Chair  
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