

2019 New Jersey All-State Bands
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New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ
February 21 – 23, 2019

To: 2019 New Jersey All-State Band Members

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Congratulations on successfully auditioning for the 2019 New Jersey All-State Bands. Your conductors for this weekend are: for the Wind Ensemble, Cynthia Johnston Turner, Director of Bands at the University of Georgia and for the Symphonic Band, Daniel Tembras, Director of Instrumental Studies at Purdue University. The concert will be held at the NJPAC in Newark, New Jersey. Preparation of your music before the All-State Weekend will ensure a memorable performance with these two outstanding music educators.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

REHEARSAL: A mandatory rehearsal for both the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at **Bridgewater-Raritan High School** from 5:00pm – 9:00pm, with **registration beginning at 5:00pm**. All students who are accepted into the All-State Ensembles **MUST** attend this rehearsal and receive their music. If you do not attend this rehearsal, I will assume you will **NOT** be participating in All-State and the seat will go to the next qualified student. Students should be prepared to bring dinner to the rehearsal. Bridgewater-Raritan High School's band parents will also be providing refreshments for purchase as a fundraiser for their program during a short break. **No one will be allowed to leave the rehearsal site for any reason.**

REGISTRATION: The medical form should be filled out online, printed out, signed by a parent/guardian and brought to the Jan. 31 rehearsal. The medical form and the Registration/Housing fee are due on or before **Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

HOUSING: You will have the option of choosing the standard room of 4 students per room (\$360.00 each), or you may have only 2 students per room (\$410.00 each). If the double room is preferred, there MUST be 2 students who choose to room together. A single student will not be placed in a double room. All roommate requests should be filled out on a Google form. The address is: <https://tinyurl.com/yam6yeue>.

FEES: NO School Purchase Orders will be accepted. If your school is paying the registration fee, please bring the necessary forms with you on 1/31 and the district can mail the check separately. You will also have the option to pay by credit card for a \$10.00 additional fee. All of this information is on the NJMEA website – NJMEA.org, All-State, HS Band, links to pay on the Housing Form.

If registration information (fees and medical form) is not in my hands by 1/31/19, I will assume that you do not wish to participate, and I will replace you with the next eligible student. **All fees must be received prior to February 23, 2019.**

A single check for \$360.00/\$410.00 may be submitted at the first rehearsal or prior to the All-State Weekend.

CHECK IN: Check in will be on **Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 12:00pm at the Nicholas Music Center at Rutgers University**. Rehearsal will begin by 12:45pm at Rutgers. Be sure you eat prior to the start of rehearsal. It is your responsibility to prepare the music before this weekend.

STUDENTS MAY NOT BRING THEIR OWN VEHICLES, AS ALL MEMBERS OF THE 2019 ALL-STATE BANDS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY AT THE BRUNSWICK HILTON AND TOWERS. BUS TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ALL REHEARSALS AND TO THE CONCERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

SCHEDULE: An itinerary for the weekend will be sent separately at a later date.

HOUSING: All members of the 2019 New Jersey All-State Bands will be housed at the Brunswick Hilton and Towers. This is an NJMEA Board Policy – **No Exceptions!**

NOTE: It is the policy of the New Jersey Music Educators Association that if an All-State student is incapacitated in any way that requires additional physical assistance, it will be the responsibility of the All-State student's parents/school to provide the necessary help needed at all rehearsals, meals, concerts, etc. The provided chaperone will be housed with the student and will be charged the regular student-housing fee.

CONCERT: The concert will be held at NJPAC in Newark at 3:00 pm on Saturday, Feb. 23. Tickets can be purchased through NJPAC only – 1-800-GO-NJPAC or njpac.org.

MEALS: All meals for the Concert Weekend will be served at Rutgers – The State University, or the Brunswick Hilton and Towers. The cost of these meals is included in your housing fee. **No one will be allowed to leave the rehearsal site.**

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs of the 2019 All-State Band weekend will be taken by a professional photography company and may be purchased at the concert. No cameras will be permitted at the concert site.

RECORDINGS: The Concert will be professionally recorded. Orders for CD's may be placed on the day of the concert. No still cameras, or video cameras will be permitted during the performance. **Please advise your parents of this prior to the concert.**

CONCERT DRESS: Tuxedo, dark suit or jacket and tie for the gentlemen (bow tie for Wind Ensemble). Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band ladies should wear long black skirt or dress pants and a black shirt. Students of both ensembles should wear black dress shoes, black socks or black or nude stockings. No flip flops will be permitted on stage.

ALL-STATE BAND PINS: All-State Band pins will be distributed when the music and folder have been returned immediately following the concert.

MUSIC: Folders will be given out at the rehearsal on January 31, 2019. Please bring a pencil, **stand**, and a tuner (if possible) with you. Students – Please prepare the music completely before your arrival for the All-State weekend. **MARK YOUR MUSIC IN PENCIL ONLY.** If you have any questions regarding your music, please ask your band director to contact the following people:

Wind Ensemble: Managers: Deb Knisely
kniselyd@cinnaminson.com

Rich Hartsuiker
richhartsuiker@gmail.com

Symphonic Band: Managers: Rich Barrieres
brassdynamics@yahoo.com

Connor Babos
connor.babos@ebnet.org

**2019 NEW JERSEY ALL-STATE BAND
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

You, as a representative of your high school and as a member of the 2019 New Jersey All-State Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble, are expected to read, understand, and abide by the rules of the 2019 All-State Band Committee. Failure to comply will result in your immediate dismissal from the band. The committee will not hesitate to replace you.

1. No student may drive a vehicle to or during an All-State Band activity.
2. Security requires you to wear your All-State Band badge at all times.
3. Courteous and mannerly conduct is expected at all times.
4. Prompt attendance is required at all times. NO EXCUSES!
5. Careful attention and full cooperation is required at all rehearsals.
6. Anyone using prescribed medication is to please record the appropriate information on the medical form. Information will be kept strictly confidential.
7. Alcoholic beverages, regardless of age, or drugs (other than those prescribed by a physician) are not permitted at any time. Violation of these rules will result in:
 - a. Immediate dismissal from All-State Band.
 - b. Loss of future Region/All-State eligibility.
 - c. Written referral to your school administration.
8. Pranks/vandalism will not be tolerated. Should any damage occur, the student(s) and parent(s) will assume full responsibility for the repair/replacement of the property damage.
9. STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THE REHEARSAL SITE/HOTEL FOR ANY REASON, EXCEPT TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHEDULED ALL-STATE BAND ACTIVITIES.
10. STUDENTS MAY NOT VISIT THE ROOMS OF STUDENTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX AT ANY TIME.
11. STUDENTS MAY NOT LEAVE THEIR ASSIGNED ROOM AFTER THE EVENING ROOM CHECK.
12. ADEQUATE SLEEP IS A NECESSITY TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL REHEARSAL OR PERFORMANCE. Read your activity schedule carefully! All times will be strictly observed.
13. Loss of the Hilton Hotel room key will result in a charge in accordance with the hotel policy.

Bridgewater-Raritan High School
600 Garretson Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
908-231-8660

From Trenton/Princeton Area:

- US-206 North to Commons Way in Bridgewater. Take the Commons Way exit from US-202 N/US-206 N
- Follow Commons Way and Garretson Rd to your destination for approximately 1 mile
- Turn left onto Commons Way
- Turn left onto Garretson Rd
- Turn left at Voorhees Ln
- The high school will be on the right.

From New Brunswick Area:

- Follow NJ-18 N to River Rd in Piscataway Township. Take the River Rd exit from NJ-18 N, approximately 1.5 miles
- Get on I-287 N for approximately 4 miles
- Follow I-287 N and US-22 W to Country Club Rd in Bridgewater, approximately 8 miles
- Follow Country Club Rd and Garretson Rd to your destination
- Turn right onto Country Club Rd
- Turn right onto Garretson Rd
- Turn right at Voorhees Ln
- The high school will be on the right

From Garden State Parkway:

- Follow Garden State Parkway and I-287 N to US-22 W in Bridgewater. Take exit 14B from I-287 N
- Continue on US-22 W for approximately 4.5 miles
- Turn right onto Country Club Rd
- Turn right onto Garretson Rd
- Turn right at Voorhees Ln
- The high school will be on the right

From Rt 287:

- Take Exit 10 from I-287 S
- Get on I-287 N and US-22 W to Country Club Rd in Bridgewater
- Turn right onto Country Club Rd
- Turn right onto Garretson Rd
- Turn right at Voorhees Ln
- The high school will be on the right

Rutgers – Nicholas Music Center:

From the NJ Turnpike: Take the NJ Turnpike North or South to Exit 9, bear right after the tollbooths and follow signs for “Route 18 North to Route 1 South – New Brunswick”. Stay to the left on Route 18 North. After the first traffic light (Paulus Blvd) be in the right lane and follow signs toward New St. Take the ramp toward New St and turn left at the light at the top of the ramp (George St.) Nicholas Music Center is the first right on George St.

From Route 1 (North or South): Take exit for Route 18 North. Stay on Rt. 18 north and stay in left lane. After the first traffic light (Paulus Blvd) be in the right lane and follow signs toward George St. Take the ramp toward George St. and turn left at the light at the top of the ramp. Nicholas Music Center is the first right on George St.

East Brunswick Hilton and Towers:

From the NJ Turnpike North or South: Exit 9 off the NJ Turnpike through the toll plaza. Get on Route 18 North and take the first right, then bear right onto Tower Center Boulevard and enter the hotel from the middle of the two towers.

From Route 18 North: Turn right at the first light after the NJ Turnpike entrance – Tower Center Boulevard.

From Route 18 South: From New Brunswick, take Route 18 South to Route One North. Follow signs for Route 18 North/New Brunswick. There will also be signs for the NJ Turnpike. At fork in road, bear left following signs for Tunison Road, NJ Turnpike. Go through traffic light and follow signs for NJ Turnpike and “U Turn” (right). Proceed to traffic light and make left into hotel entrance.

From Interstate 287: Route 287 to NJ Turnpike. NJ Turnpike South Exit 9. After the toll plaza, get on Route 18 North and take the first right, then bear right into the hotel entrance.