

# 2022 NJMEA ALL-STATE OPERA FESTIVAL

Do you love to sing? Are you interested in learning more about opera? This festival is a unique opportunity for YOU to learn, perform and experience music from this great musical tradition!

- Attend a workshop/clinic on stage performance practice
- Watch and/or participate in a masterclass with Metropolitan Opera Guest Artist/Clinician
- Rehearse and perform opera choruses with the Festival Choir
- Opportunity for feedback and scores from opera professionals (for auditioning students)

## Students can participate in one of two levels

- Non-auditioning students - \$10
  - Attend the clinic/masterclass/rehearsals/concert on Saturday, November 5
  - Participate in the Festival Chorus performance in the closing concert
- Auditioning students (solos or ensembles) - \$25
  - Submit a virtual video audition of an aria/ensemble from any opera by October 23
  - Categories: solo, small ensemble (2-6 singers), large ensemble (7+ singers), instrumental ensemble
  - Four students will be chosen to perform in a masterclass led by a Met Opera Guest Clinician
  - The top ten soloists and top duets/ensembles will perform at the Festival concert
  - Awards will be given for the highest scoring male and female soloists, and for the highest scoring small and large ensembles
  - The Governor's Award in Arts Education for Opera and the NJMEA Scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to the overall top scoring soloist
  - All students will receive judges' written comments and scores
  - All students participate in the Festival Chorus

## Important Dates

- Saturday, October 15, 2022: Application deadline
- Saturday, October 22, 2022: Deadline for Virtual Solo/Ensemble Video Audition Submissions (required only for those interested in performing on the masterclass or closing performance)
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022: In-person Festival/Concert, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (concert at 3:00 pm).

## Festival Information

- Audition fee - \$25.00 per student.  
Participation fee (for non-auditioning students) - \$10.00 per student.  
Each student must fill out an application. Any voicing and any number of students may register.
- Directors, send all applications with ONE check payable to the NJMEA and enclose a copy of your current NAFME membership card postmarked by Saturday, October 15, 2022 to Anne Paynter, All-State Opera Festival Chair, Hawthorne Christian Academy, 2000 US Route 208, Hawthorne, NJ 07506. Applications dated after Oct. 15 will not be accepted.
- Judging results (scores and written comments) and a list of those accepted to perform on the Festival day will be e-mailed to directors.
- Teachers should prepare students for the chorus numbers as time is limited on the Festival day.
- Sponsoring directors must be present from 10:30AM until the end of the concert on the Festival day to assist with events.
- Concert dress is semi-formal (students will have time to change before the concert).
- Questions? E-mail [anne.paynter@hca.org](mailto:anne.paynter@hca.org).

## Committee Members

Anne Paynter, Festival Chair, Hawthorne Christian Academy, Hawthorne, NJ  
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