

## **National Association for Music Education**

To: Music Teachers of 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Applicants

From: Dennis Emert, NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles General Manager

Re: Selection of the 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Participants

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Congratulations! The following student(s) was/were selected for one of the 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles.

(Student Info Here)

The 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Group Managers received applications from the finest student musicians of the NAFME members throughout the Eastern Division. The difficult selection process has been completed and applications have been transferred to the NAFME/PMEA Offices.

Please extend thanks to all your students who applied for the 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles. Thank you also for your help. You are to be commended for your leadership, support and direction given to your students.

You will find the following pertinent information online at: [www.pmea.net/eastern-division-ensemble-information/](http://www.pmea.net/eastern-division-ensemble-information/)

1. A copy of the 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Selection Procedure.
2. A link to the [Music Director's Reply Form](#) to complete and return by December 21, 2018, for you to help with online auditions between March 15-25, 2019 and to help with registration on April 4, 2019.
3. A sample News Release to inform your local news media of the event.
4. Links to the Conference Hotel and Registration forms (available after December 1, 2018).
5. A link to the [Eastern Division Chaperone Reply Form](#) should you wish to volunteer as a chaperone for a 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensemble group. Group chaperones receive complimentary housing and meals with assigned group as well as complimentary conference registration.

**IMPORTANT:** Please notify each accepted student immediately and give the student(s) the payment invoice (attached)(if the school district is not responsible for payment). It is vitally important that the Contract (online) and Emergency Medical Care Form (available for download from [www.pmea.net/](http://www.pmea.net/)) are completed and returned **with payment postmarked to NAFME/PMEA no later than Friday, December 21, 2018.** We ask for your assistance in helping/reminding the student(s) to complete these forms.

The following information will be available online for your students ([www.pmea.net/eastern-division-ensemble-information/](http://www.pmea.net/eastern-division-ensemble-information/)) no later than December 1, 2018:

1. A link to important materials for each of your accepted students, which will include the student contract, emergency medical care form and other pertinent information.
2. All sections of the online Contract must be completed. (Note: Current NAFME membership is required if your student(s) is/are to participate.) Your NAFME ID number can be found on your membership card.
3. Incomplete or late submissions, failure to return the Contract, Emergency Medical Care Form, and/or payment will constitute the need to replace the student.
4. Please notify Dennis L. Emert (412-376-5649 or [AllEastManager@pmea.net](mailto:AllEastManager@pmea.net)) immediately if any student cannot participate.

**No refunds will be made after January 8, 2019.**

The 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles will perform in the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA, with the following schedule:

All-Eastern Treble Chorus ..... Sunday, April 7, 2019.....10:00 a.m.  
All-Eastern Mixed Chorus .....Sunday, April 7, 2019.....10:00 a.m.  
All-Eastern Orchestra ..... Sunday, April 7, 2019 .....2:30 p.m.  
All-Eastern Band ..... Sunday, April 7, 2019.....2:30 p.m.

The 2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Spirit of Pittsburgh Ballroom at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on Saturday, April 6, 2019, 7:30 p.m. along with the 2019 PMEA All-State Jazz & Vocal Jazz ensembles.

It is suggested that each student's school director/teacher accompany him/her to and from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This person is encouraged to escort the student to the honors group's on-site registration and can be the adult point of contact for the student throughout the conference. On-site registration will take place from Noon - 2:30 p.m. on Thur. April 4 at the ensemble rehearsal location.

The \$595 participation fee includes registration, housing (double occupancy, 1 per bed), meals, and local transportation. It **does not** include transportation to and from Pittsburgh (nor from the airport into the city).

All groups will be housed at a designated Pittsburgh area hotel (see enclosed schedule). Music will be mailed to directors in January for distribution to students. We appreciate your assistance in helping your students follow through with the above items. The managers for the honors ensembles are excited to have outstanding guest conductors. (See contact information below.) This promises to be a wonderful musical experience for our Eastern Division students.

#### **2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Group Managers**

**Band:** Tim Sheridan, Greater Latrobe Senior High School, 571-651-5642; email [timothy.sheridan@glsd.us](mailto:timothy.sheridan@glsd.us)  
**Mixed Choir:** Lee Rickard, Pine-Richland High School, 412-219-9296; email, [lrickard@pinerichland.org](mailto:lrickard@pinerichland.org)  
**Orchestra:** Stephanie Glover, Bethel Park High School, 412-376-5721; email, [glover.stephanie.bp@gmail.com](mailto:glover.stephanie.bp@gmail.com)  
**Jazz Ensemble:** Rob Traugh, Kiski Area Int. School, 724-633-7120; email, [robert.traugh@kiskiarea.com](mailto:robert.traugh@kiskiarea.com)  
**Women's Choir:** Aaron Magill, Seneca Valley High School, 412-392-9791; email, [PMEA.magill@gmail.com](mailto:PMEA.magill@gmail.com)

#### **2019 NAFME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles Conductors**

**Band:** Brad Genevro, University of Texas at El Paso  
**Mixed Choir:** Rollo Dilworth, Temple University  
**Orchestra:** Jung Ho Pak, Cape Cod Symphony Orchestra, World Youth Symphony Orchestra  
**Jazz Ensemble:** Denis DiBlasio, Rowan University  
**Women's Choir:** Sandra Snow, Michigan State University

If you have questions specific to the honor groups, please feel free to contact the appropriate group manager or Dennis Emert at 412-376-5649 or [AllEastManager@pmea.net](mailto:AllEastManager@pmea.net)

We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh in April!