



Tempo!

Tempo! is published by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association to provide programming and activity information to its members on a monthly basis.

September 2022

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

September 15 | Mini-grant Application Deadline
September 20 | Musical Theatre Intensive Deadline
October 1 | Vocal Jazz Intensive Registration Deadline
October 13 | HS Regional Honors Choir Online Auditions Deadline
October 20 | Musical Theatre S&E Festival Registration Deadline
October 20 | Chamber Festival Registration Deadline

SPECIALIZED FESTIVALS

Musical Theatre Intensive

October 8, 2022
Portage Central High School

MSVMA will welcome 100 singers in grades 9-12 to our Musical Theatre Intensive on Saturday, October 8 at Portage Central High School. Students will have the opportunity to sing for clinicians and participate in a variety of topic sessions. We are delighted to have an incredible panel of

Musical Theatre Solo & Ensemble Festival

November 12
East Site
Oxford High School, Oxford

November 19
West Site
Grand Valley State University, Allendale

October 20
Registration deadline

Chamber Festival

November 8
7 p.m.
East Site
Oakland University West Campus, 115 University Drive, Auburn Hills

November 15
7 p.m.
West Site
East Grand Rapids High School, East Grand Rapids

clinicians from the faculty of the University of Michigan Musical Theatre Department led by Catherine A. Walker including Ann Evans Watson, Jason DeBord and Geoff Packard. Accompanists Tina Gorter, Jeff English, Brendan Vincent and Harry Castle will support this collaborative learning environment.

Eligibility

MSVMA welcomes high school students to participate in its Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Participants must be enrolled and in good standing in their school's vocal music program. Their school must be a member of MSVMA.

Registration and Audition Requirements

Students are required to provide a URL address to a YouTube video for the audition. Singers should perform 32 measures of a musical theater song, preferably accompanied. Any problems with submissions should be reported to lynciechanski@msvma.org before the deadline of September 20 at 11:59 p.m.

Fees

The fee of \$65, must be paid via credit card according to instructions students will receive via email upon acceptance.

MSVMA welcomes middle and high school students to participate in its Musical Theatre Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Participants must be in 7th-12th grade, enrolled and in good standing in their school's vocal music program. Student's school must be a member of MSVMA. Soloists, duets, and ensembles (up to 20 performers) are eligible to participate.

Festival information and guidelines for performers, directors and accompanists may be viewed at msvma.org.

More Information

October 20

Registration deadline

Our Chamber Festivals encourage ensemble singing and sharing of ensemble literature. These non-adjudicated events provide a concert arena for performance by middle, junior and high schools. Participating ensembles share and learn together and from each other.

There is no required piece for participation. Select music appropriate for solo and ensemble festival. Participants are encouraged to sing at least one selection a cappella. Performance should be 15 minutes or less. The number of participants in each group should reflect the character and style of ensemble music. The recommended guideline is between 4 and a maximum of 24 performers.

Ensembles performing in Chamber Choir Festivals must be seated in the concert hall for the duration of the Festival. This is an educational experience for all participants. Ensembles that do not attend the Festivals as listeners are subject to sanctions from Festivals by the MSVMA Board of Directors.

Registration

Registration

For more information, visit msvma.org or contact Director of Specialized Festivals Lyn CieChanski at lynciechanski.msvma.org.

Submitted by Lyn CieChanski, Director of Specialized Festivals

VOCAL JAZZ INTENSIVE



Vocal Jazz Intensive
October 20, 2022
Forest Hills Fine Arts Center
600 Forest Hills Ave SE, Grand Rapids, 49546

MSVMA will welcome singers in grades 7-12 to our Vocal Jazz Intensive (VJI) on October 20 at Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. We are delighted to have an incredible panel of clinicians from around the state, including Duane Davis and All-State Conductor April Tini, to help students and teachers learn about vocal jazz. Morning sessions will include topics on improvisation, circle singing, jazz warm-ups, and jazz vocal technique.

Students will rehearse with clinicians, perform, and participate in a variety of topic sessions. In addition, students will have the opportunity to sing two pieces on the evening concert as part of a mass choir. Teachers may choose to bring an entire ensemble and can perform as a group on the evening concert as well.

Participation in the VJI is highly encouraged for students interested in auditioning for the All-State Vocal Jazz Choir. One of the audition songs will be learned during the afternoon of the VJI.

Eligibility

MSVMA welcomes students to participate in its Vocal Jazz Intensive and All-State Vocal Jazz Program. Participants must be enrolled and in good standing in their school's vocal music program. Their school must be a member of MSVMA.

Application and Audition Requirements

Students must register for VJI by October 1 at 11:59 p.m. If you have a problem with registration, please contact Jed Scott at jedscott@msvma.org.

There are no audition requirements! VJI is a day to learn about and sing vocal jazz, regardless of experience. We encourage students who are interested in singing jazz to attend and bring their knowledge back to their school program. The experience also will prepare students for the All-State Jazz Honors Choir audition and encourage participation in All-State Jazz even if they do not regularly sing vocal jazz in their school programs.

Fees

The fee of \$25, must be paid by credit card according to instructions students will receive upon application.

If you're planning to bring an entire ensemble and would like to perform on the evening concert as a group, please contact Erik Jacobson at erikjacobson@msvma.org for information and pricing.

Registration

ADJUDICATION CONFERENCE

**Adjudication Conference
November 5, 2022
Hartland High School**

Have you thought about becoming an adjudicator but are unsure of the process? MSVMA offers a number of opportunities to assist our students and teachers in the learning process through meaningful, supportive adjudication. All MSMA members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the adjudication process. For those interested, you may earn 4 SCECHs (State Continuing Education Credit Hours)?

Make plans to join us at Hartland High School, 10635 Dunham Road, Hartland on Saturday, November 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clinicians, Dr. Brandon Johnson, choral adjudication, and Jessica Nieuwkoop, sight-reading adjudication, will lead sessions to increase your understanding of the process including rubric use. Bailey Tallman will conduct her Hartland High School Choir and Kathi Letovsky will direct her Hartland Middle School Choir as they serve as demonstration choirs.

To ensure that we have an adequate supply of Conference materials, please register for this no cost Adjudication Conference at msvma.org. If you wish to receive SCECHs for your attendance, the fee is \$30 and may be paid on the website when you register or at the Conference.

For more information, please contact Director of Adjudication Pam Pierson at pampierson@msvma.org.

Registration

Submitted by Pam Pierson, Director of Adjudication

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Ahba Dearing
Vocal Music Director
Mercy High School

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District 4

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Lakeshore Middle School
District 6

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Lakewood Public Schools
District 10

John Boonenburg
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District 12

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District 12

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