

MEMORANDUM

TO: Elementary and Middle School Principals, Assistant Principals, and Music Teachers – **INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL**

FROM: Paul L. King, Executive Director and Elizabeth M. Guglielmo, Director of Music

SUBJECT: **Borough-Wide Salute to Music Program – NOW OPEN TO GRADES 4-8**

DATE: September 26, 2018

All New York City Department of Education music students in Grades 4-8 (instrumental and choral) are invited to participate in the Borough-Wide Salute to Music Program. The program is staffed by licensed NYCDOE music teachers and operates on Saturday mornings at centers located in each borough. **Beginning in 2018-2019, this program is open to students in Grades 4-8.**

The Salute to Music Program provides an opportunity for students to receive musical instruction along with peers within their boroughs. Each ensemble site will prepare and present a culminating concert in the spring. Students who participate in Queens, Bronx and Staten Island sites will have opportunities to perform in orchestral and concert band ensembles. Brooklyn and Manhattan sites offer opportunities to perform in concert band ensembles. The Salute to Music Citywide Chorus will meet at PS / IS 276 in Battery Park City (Manhattan). The Citywide Jazz Ensemble will meet at IS 318 in Williamsburg (Brooklyn). Students who demonstrate proficient skill at NYSMMA Level 2 and above will be accepted into the appropriate Borough-Wide instrumental ensemble. Participation in a Junior Ensemble may be available for students who have completed at least one year of instrumental study and show promise of acquiring the skills necessary for advancement.

Auditions for all Salute to Music ensembles will take place on the dates and at the locations provided on the attachment. Parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from audition and rehearsal sessions. Make-up auditions may take place at the staff's discretion. Where scheduling allows, make-up auditions will take place on designated Saturdays until the end of November. Rehearsals will take place at the same location as the auditions, except for the Staten Island Orchestra, which will rehearse at Staten Island Technical High School. Students taking the SHSAT may sign up online to audition either Oct 27 or Nov 3.

Eligibility:

*Auditions are open to all New York City Department of Education students in **Grades 4-8** who have completed at least one year of instrumental or choral study and are recommended by the instrumental or choral music teacher, principal, or guidance counselor.*

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- **Please register online for the audition at <https://tinyurl.com/y77hxy29> and bring signed consent form.**
- Report to the auditorium of the specified location at 9:00 am. (See attachment for locations.)
- Be prepared to remain until 1:00 PM, if necessary.
- Instrumentalists: Bring your instrument with you. Exception: String bass and percussion instruments will be supplied.
- Come prepared to perform a selection that will show how well you play or sing. **Bring a printed copy of your selection with you to the audition.** This may be a solo selection you have learned, or a "part" that you are preparing for your school orchestra, band, or chorus. Instrumentalists may also be asked to play a passage at sight and a scale from memory.
- **Student OSIS (nine-digit Student ID) numbers can be found on your child's report card or by contacting your child's school to obtain it.**

Bring consent form to the audition that is signed by your parent or guardian.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Rams at: RRAMS@schools.nyc.gov



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AUDITIONS FOR SALUTE TO MUSIC PROGRAM (GRADES 4-8):
BOROUGH-WIDE BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS; CITYWIDE CHORUS; CITYWIDE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

PLEASE REPORT TO YOUR BOROUGH AUDITION AND REHEARSAL SITE.

MANHATTAN

Concert Band
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
I.S. 99 Campus
410 East 100th Street
New York, NY 10029

BROOKLYN

Concert Band
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
IS 278 Marine Park
1925 Stuart Street
Brooklyn, NY 11229

STATEN ISLAND

Concert Band / Orchestra
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
IS 2 George L. Egbert
333 Midland Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10306

BRONX

Concert Band
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
JHS 135 Campus
2441 Wallace Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467

QUEENS

Concert Band / Orchestra
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
JHS 190 Russell Sage
68-17 Austin Street
Forest Hills, NY 11375
*near Yellowstone Blvd.
Enter on playground side.*

CITYWIDE CHORUS

Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
PS / IS 276 Battery Park City
55 Battery Place
New York, NY 10280

CITYWIDE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
IS 318 Eugenio Maria De Hostos
101 Walton Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206

BRONX

Orchestra (new)
Oct 13, Oct 20 or Oct 27
9:00 am
MS 180 Dr. Daniel Hale Williams
700 Baychester Avenue
Bronx, NY 10475

SALUTE TO MUSIC CONSENT FORM 2018-2019

TO: CENTER DIRECTORS

I give permission for my child to participate in the Salute to Music Program.
I understand rehearsals will be on Saturday mornings from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM with additional rehearsals and concerts scheduled later in the year, and I recognize my responsibility for seeing that my child is prompt and attends regularly.

Please also register online at: <https://tinyurl.com/y77hxy29>

CIRCLE GRADE LEVEL IN 2018-2019:				
4	5	6	7	8

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Print Student's Name

Music Teacher's/Guidance Signature for Recommendation

Print Parent's or Guardian's Name

School

Print Music Teacher's or Guidance Counselor's Name

Student OSIS number

Home Address

Borough, Zip Code

Telephone Number

Parent Email