

Union Vale Middle School
Music Department
Instrumental NYSSMA Solo Information



January 25th, 2016

The New York State Schools Music Association (NYSSMA) holds festivals each year to assist students in improving their musicianship and performance skills. At these festivals, students are heard by a certified NYSSMA Adjudicator that gives written comments as to what your child is doing well on their instrument and what they can do to improve. Your child will also receive a score based on their performance. These scores are then used the following year as the main criteria for acceptance into the Junior High All-County Festival.

The NYSSMA Solo Festival will be held at LaGrange Middle School on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th

Please fill out the attached sheet and return it to me by **Friday, January 29th** if you are interested. **A separate sheet must be filled out for each solo being performed.**

The fee for a level 1-4 instrumental/vocal solo is \$14.00 and the fee for a level 5 or 6 instrumental/vocal solo is \$21.00.

Checks should be made payable to: Union Vale Middle School

If you cannot make the dates listed above there are other festivals that will be held at different locations in the area. Please notify me if your child would like to participate in the festival but cannot make the Arlington Festival dates. We can usually arrange for them to attend another festival.

Students are also responsible for purchasing two original copies of the music that they will be performing; one for the adjudicator and one for themselves. **Copied music is not permitted.** You will receive more information about this in the weeks to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send me an email. I look forward to working with your child in preparation for this event!

Sincerely,

Ms. Gaspary

Due: Friday, January 29th

Student Name _____ Instrument _____

Parent Signature _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Do you have any siblings that are going to be participating in NYSSMA this year?

YES or NO

(circle one)

If yes, what is their name? _____

(NYSSMA tries to schedule siblings on the same day and in the same time slot, but not at the same exact time for the parent's convenience)

Solo Information

(Level I-IV = \$14, Level V-VI = \$21)

Level of Solo (circle one): I II III IV V VI

(You need to know whether or not you are doing a level I-IV or a V-VI for payment purposes; it does not matter if you do not know the exact level at this time. All of my students are going to be going on a level I-IV which is \$14. The only exception is if you are taking private lessons and are going on a level V/VI)

Preference of audition time (check one):

****This does not assure you of getting the requested time and day****

****Please keep both Friday and Saturday open in your schedules****

If a time slot or day is absolutely needed, NYSSMA can usually be accommodating. Please let me know on the "special request" section below if you can only attend a specific day and/or time, I know how crazy schedules can get

☐ Friday After-School (4-6pm) ☐ Saturday Morning (8:30-12pm)

☐ Friday Evening (6-8pm) ☐ Saturday Afternoon (12-4pm)

Special Requests:
