



January 27, 2026

Dear Music Directors:

On behalf of the North Dakota Music Educators Association, I am pleased to announce the results of the auditions for the 60th NORTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE STRING ORCHESTRA, MIXED CHORUS, TREBLE CHORUS, BAND, JAZZ BAND, and JAZZ CHOIR which will be held at the Bismarck Event Center in March. Congratulations to all students who participated in the audition process!

Wind players, percussionists and vocalists have been assigned to the band, orchestra, jazz ensemble and choirs with balance in mind. As in the past, assignments to a part within a section were also made with balance in mind. Because of these assignments for instance, a 2nd clarinet player may have scored higher than a 1st.

String players please note the asterisk next to the names of the top players. These players will re-audition for chair placement prior to the first rehearsal in Bismarck.

If a selected student is not able to participate in this All-State event, **PLEASE NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY!** I will notify the alternate next in line to fill the vacancy. Also, **PLEASE NOTIFY ME IMMEDIATELY** with any corrections or misspellings.

All school/student registrations will be done online via google forms. Registration fees can be paid online by Credit Card or checks sent to me at MANDAN HIGH SCHOOL. Checks should be made payable to **NDMEA ALL-STATE**. **All web links will be located on the ndallstate.org website.** Registration fees must be postmarked by February 20, 2026 or a late fee of \$50 will apply.

NAfME/NDMEA membership status is determined as of February 1. If you are not a member as of February 1, 2026 you must pay the non-member fee.

Admission will only be available at the door on the day of the concerts. All directors of participating students will receive free admittance.

Each student will need to fill out the health information and upload their program picture via the google form link. Please share the link on the ndallstate.org website with your students/families. **Students who do not turn in this information will not be allowed to participate in the All-State Festival.**

The rehearsal and performance schedule, music, and all other pertinent information you will need concerning All-State will be mailed to you soon.

Again, congratulations to all! I look forward to seeing all of you in March.

Sincerely,

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Auditions and Finance Manager
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To: 2026 All-State Students, Directors, and Parents

From: Chris Dasovick, All State Festival Site Manager and Sara Baumann and Brian Saylor, All State Co-Chairs

RE: Festival instructions and information

LEARN YOUR MUSIC

Please have your music prepared and ready to go. Our rehearsals are for musical considerations, not for working out notes, rhythms, pronunciations, and articulations. These concerts are being conducted by world-class musicians. This will be your chance to showcase North Dakota's finest young musical talent!

*Students may be asked to stay in the rehearsal room during concert hours to learn their parts. *

MEDICAL CONCERNS

* It is the responsibility of the directors/chaperones of All-State students to obtain necessary information about medical needs (pre-existing conditions, parents' phone numbers, doctor's phone number, etc.) and to be on the premises to assist All-State personnel with any student-medical emergencies. Please upload the medical information to the Google form provided by Feb. 23rd.

PHOTOS

Be sure to scan and include an **appropriate** school photo for the All-State Program of each student by uploading it to the Google form along with your medical information by Feb. 23rd. **Pictures must be labeled ensemble.instrument/voicepart.firstname.lastname.school (mixedchoir.tenor.john.doe.fargodavies or orchestra.viola.jane.doe.minothigh) For printing purposes, photos should be front-facing and close up of the student's face. Pictures that do not fit the guidelines will not be included. **Please be sure to indicate if a student should be receiving a 4-year award in the form.**

SEATING

All State personnel will help you find your seat at the first rehearsal, and you will receive a nametag. **NAME TAGS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.** The name tags are also your admission to the concerts.

CONCERT ATTIRE

Please wear modest, respectful dress-up attire. Please do not wear choir robes or uniforms. **DO NOT WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES, WHITE ATHLETIC SOCKS, REVEALING OR DISTRACTING CLOTHING, OR JEANS.** **CONCERT TICKETS** Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Tickets for multiple concerts are available at the door. Tickets will not be sold in advance.

BEHAVIOR AT ALL STATE

Please remember that as a member of All State you represent the entire music education community in our state. This includes your behavior as well as your performance, as it reflects upon the entire event. You also must be eligible under NDHSAA rules to participate. Remember that you are a guest in these buildings. Please show respect for the people and the property you encounter.

NDMEA All-State reserves the right to dismiss any student whose behavior is detrimental to their ensemble.

RULES FOR STUDENTS

1. Students are not allowed to wear caps, bandannas, or hats in the rehearsals.
2. We do not accept any responsibility for loss of personal items, so please protect your belongings.
3. Students are subject to all North Dakota High School Activities Association rules during the All-State Festival.
4. *There is no cell phone use allowed during rehearsals.*

REHEARSAL SITE LOCATION, PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

The Bismarck Event Center is located at 315 South 5th Street. Due to additional activities taking place at the Bismarck Event Center, you should park in the South Parking Lot for free. All other lots are \$5.

MEALS

Lunch and evening meals will be on your own. There will not be any concessions sold inside the Event Center. Several restaurants are within walking distance of the Event Center.

T-SHIRTS

All State t-shirts will be available for purchase at the festival concerts.

DIRECTORS

All directors must register for the conference to attend conference sessions and All-State Rehearsals. Please go to ndmea.org and register if you've not already done so. You must also register all non-director chaperones to have a name tag for entrance to all conference events at no cost. Registered attendees of the NDMEA Conference are admitted free to all concerts. Nametags serve as tickets.

All State Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.
Breaks at conductor's discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

12:30 PM	Reauditions (Prairie Rose 103 & 104, Maple-Linden, Pine-Spruce)
1:30-4:20 PM	Rehearsal (Hall D)
4:30-6:00 PM	Supper Break
6:00-7:15 PM	Rehearsal (Hall C)
7:30 PM	Concert Hour I (Hall D) University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 27th

8:00-9:30 AM	Rehearsal (Hall C)
9:30-10:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Time (Hall B)
10:00-10:50 AM	Rehearsal (Hall C)

11:00-11:50 AM Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Arau (Hall D)

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch

1:30-3:20 PM Rehearsal (Hall C)

3:30 PM Concert Hour II (Hall D)
 Fargo North Symphony Orchestra – directed by Greg Schultz
 St. Mary’s Central High School Wind Orchestra – directed by Anne Chambers

4:40-6:30 PM Rehearsal (Hall C)

Saturday, March 28th

8:00-9:30 AM Rehearsal (Hall C)

10:00 AM All State Concert I (Hall D)
 Jazz Choir- directed by Trist Curless
 Jazz Band- directed by Dan Gailey

12:30 PM Warm up (Hall D)

1:00 PM All State Concert II (Hall D)
 Treble Choir- directed by Chris Maunu
 Orchestra- directed by Dr. Chung Park

3:30 PM All State Concert III (Hall D)
 Mixed Choir- directed by Shawn Kirchner
 Band- directed by Dr. Erika Svanoe

All State Treble Choir Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.

Breaks at conductor’s discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

1:30-1:45 PM Rehearsal (PR 105)

1:45-2:35 PM Sectionals (PR 106)

2:30-4:30 Rehearsal (PR 105)

4:30-6:00 PM Supper Break

6:00-7:15 PM Rehearsal (PR 105)

7:30 PM Concert Hour I (Hall D)
 University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy
 University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 27th

8:00-9:30 AM Rehearsal (PR 105)

9:30-10:00 AM Exhibit Hall Time (Hall B)

10:00-10:50 AM Rehearsal (PR 105)

11:00-11:50 AM Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Arau (Hall D)

12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30-3:20 PM	Rehearsal (PR 105)
3:30 PM	Concert Hour II (Hall D) Fargo North Symphony Orchestra – directed by Greg Schultz St. Mary’s Central High School Wind Orchestra – directed by Anne Chambers
4:40-6:00 PM	Rehearsal (PR 105)
6:00-6:45 PM	Dress Rehearsal (Hall D)

Saturday, March 28th

8:00-9:30 AM	Rehearsal (PR 105)
10:00 AM	All State Concert I (Hall D) Jazz Choir- directed by Trist Curless Jazz Band- directed by Dan Gailey
12:30 PM	Warm up (PR 105)
1:00 PM	All State Concert II (Hall D) Treble Choir- directed by Chris Maunu Orchestra- directed by Dr. Chung Park
3:30 PM	All State Concert III (Hall D) Mixed Choir- directed by Shawn Kirchner Band- directed by Dr. Erika Svanoe

All State Band Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.
Breaks at conductor’s discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

1:30-4:30 PM	Rehearsal (Hall A)
4:30-6:00 PM	Supper Break
6:00-7:15 PM	Rehearsal (Hall A)
7:30 PM	Concert Hour I (Hall D) University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 24th

8:00-9:30 AM	Dress Rehearsal (Hall D)
9:30-10:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Time <i>**staggered dismissal**</i> (Hall B)
10:00-10:50 AM	Rehearsal (Hall A)
11:00-11:50 AM	Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Arau (Hall D)
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30-3:20 PM	Rehearsal (Hall A)

3:30 PM Concert Hour II (Hall D)
Fargo North Symphony Orchestra – directed by Greg Schultz
St. Mary's Central High School Wind Orchestra – directed by Anne Chambers

4:40-6:30 PM Rehearsal (Hall A)

Saturday, March 28th

8:00-9:30 AM Rehearsal (Hall A)

10:00 AM All State Concert I (Hall D)
Jazz Choir- directed by Trist Curless
Jazz Band- directed by Dan Gailey

1:00 PM All State Concert II (Hall D)
Treble Choir- directed by Chris Maunu
Orchestra- directed by Dr. Chung Park

3:00 PM Warm-up (Hall D)

3:30 PM All State Concert III (Hall D)
Mixed Choir- directed by Shawn Kirchner
Band- directed by Dr. Erika Svanoe

All State Mixed Choir Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.
Breaks at conductor's discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

1:30-2:30 PM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

2:30-3:20 PM Sectionals (PR 106)

3:20-4:30 PM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

4:30-6:00 PM Supper Break

6:00-7:15 PM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

7:30 PM Concert Hour I (Hall D)
University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy
University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 27th

8:00-9:30 AM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

9:30-10:00 AM Exhibit Hall Time (Hall B)

10:00-10:50 AM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

11:00-11:50 AM Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Larau (Hall D)

12:00-1:30 PM Lunch

1:30-3:20 PM Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

3:30 PM Concert Hour II (Hall D)
Fargo North Symphony Orchestra – directed by Greg Schultz
St. Mary's Central High School Wind Orchestra – directed by Anne Chambers

4:40-5:15 PM	Rehearsal (PR 101-102)
5:15-6:00 PM	Dress Rehearsal (Hall D)
6:00-6:30 PM	Rehearsal (PR 101-102)

Saturday, March 28th

8:00-9:30 AM	Rehearsal (PR 101-102)
10:00 AM	All State Concert I (Hall D) Jazz Choir- directed by Trist Curless Jazz Band- directed by Dan Gailey
1:00 PM	All State Concert II (Hall D) Treble Choir- directed by Chris Maunu Orchestra- directed by Dr. Chung Park
3:00 PM	Warm up (PR 101-102)
3:30 PM	All State Concert III (Hall D) Mixed Choir- directed by Shawn Kirchner Band- directed by Dr. Erika Svanoe

All State Jazz Choir Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.
Breaks at conductor's discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

1:30-4:30 PM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
4:30-6:00 PM	Supper Break
6:00-7:15 PM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
7:30 PM	Concert Hour I (Hall D) University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 27th

8:00-9:30 AM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
9:30-10:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Time (Hall B)
10:00-10:50 AM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
11:00-11:50 AM	Keynote Speaker Dr. Matthew Arau (Hall D)
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30-3:20 PM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
3:30 PM	Concert Hour II (Hall D) Fargo North Symphony Orchestra – directed by Greg Schultz St. Mary's Central High School Wind Orchestra – directed by Anne Chambers
4:40-6:30 PM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)

Saturday, March 28th

8:00-8:45 AM	Rehearsal (Birch/Cotton)
8:45-9:30 AM	Dress Rehearsal (Hall D)
10:00 AM	All State Concert I (Hall D) Jazz Choir- directed by Trist Curless Jazz Band- directed by Dan Gailey
1:00 PM	All State Concert II (Hall D) Treble Choir- directed by Chris Maunu Orchestra- directed by Dr. Chung Park
3:30 PM	All State Concert III (Hall D) Mixed Choir- directed by Shawn Kirchner Band- directed by Dr. Erika Svanoe

All State Jazz Band Rehearsal Schedule

All students need to be on time for all rehearsals.

Breaks at conductor's discretion.

Thursday, March 26th

1:30-4:30 PM	Rehearsal (Upstairs Hallway)
4:30-6:00 PM	Supper Break
6:00-7:15 PM	Rehearsal (Upstairs Hallway)
7:30 PM	Concert Hour I (Hall D) University of North Dakota Vivo Chamber Choir – directed by Melanie Popejoy University of North Dakota Wind Ensemble- directed by Dr. James Popejoy

Friday, March 27th

8:00-9:30 AM	Rehearsal (Upstairs Hallway)
9:30-10:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Time (Hall B)
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