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**2023 ASAA / FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA
ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 16-17-18, 2023**

**Hosted by Bartlett and West Anchorage High Schools
and the Anchorage School District**

August 11, 2023

This memo is for all Alaska High School Music Directors, Principals and Activity Principals who are interested in having their students participate in the 2023 All-State Music Festival.

If you have further questions, please contact

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AUGUST 1, 2023

1. **LOCATION, DATES & TIMES:** The ASAA/First National Bank All-State Music Festival will be held **November 16-17-18, 2023** in Anchorage, Alaska. It will be hosted by Bartlett and West Anchorage High Schools and the Anchorage School District. All rehearsals will take place at Bartlett Anchorage High School. The Dress Rehearsal and the Gala Concert will be held at West Anchorage High School on **November 18, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM.**

2. **INTENT TO PARTICIPATE and the AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:**

a. **INTENT FORM:** Complete the on-line *Intent to Participate Form* to ASAA no later than Friday, August 25. <http://asaa.org/activities/music/music-festival-intent-form/> Handbook information and updated instructions are only sent to those music directors who submit the Intent to Participate Form.

b. An **AUDITION PASSWORD** from ASAA will not be needed this round. Directors will create their own log-in and no password will be sent. Specific details on this new procedure will be sent to each high school music director after they have completed and submitted the on-line Intent Form.

3. **HOW to SUBMIT AUDITIONS & APPLICATIONS for FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION:**

For 2023, auditions can be submitted on-line beginning **Monday September 4, 2023**, and are due by **11:55 PM on Wednesday, September 20, 2023**. Watch the ASAA web site for specific instructions on how to submit the on-line auditions. Alaska High School Music Directors will also be notified by a general email. If you are new to teaching in Alaska, please make sure that ASAA has your current contact information via the Intent Form (see #2 above.)

**Audition and application submittals are due in to ASAA
no later than 11:55 PM, Wednesday, September 20, 2023
You may begin submitting your on-line auditions on Monday, September 4, 2023**

Please follow the audition requirements for band, choir and orchestra as outlined on the ASAA web site on the All-State page in the 2023-24 Music Handbook, and as a part of this memo. This IS **NOT** ALL-NORTHWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL YEAR.

- The **2023 ALL-STATE BAND** auditions are using the **WIBC Audition Material – SET A** with the exception of the Piccolo and Bass Trombone which will utilize last year’s audition material
 PICCOLO:
 BASS TROMBONE:

For the **PERCUSSION AUDITIONS:** Information coming

- The **2023 ALL-STATE CHOIR** auditions are the same as the **NAfME ALL-NORTHWEST 2023 CHOIR AUDITIONS**. HOWEVER, the Alaska Choir Auditions DO NOT REQUIRE the #5 and #6 All-Northwest auditions for each voice. The ALASKA All-State Choir auditions require only four auditions:
 - 1: Major Scale
 - 2: Major Scale
 - 3: Chromatic Scale
 - 4: The new “Winter Song” melody which replaces “America, the Beautiful” in past Alaska All-State auditions.
- The **2023 ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA** auditions are using the **ALASKA ALL-STATE AUDITION SET B**.
 1. Major Scale
 2. Melodic Minor Scale
 3. Excerpt
 4. Excerpt
 5. **TBD: HARP AUDITION**
 6. **TBD: PIANO AUDITION**

- **APPLICATION FORMS:** Each student submitting an audition must also submit a Band / Choir / Orchestra Application to cambohman@msn.com. These PDF forms are available on the ASAA web site at <http://asaa.org/activities/music/music-all-state-music-festival/>

4. **The 23-24 MUSIC HANDBOOK** will only be available ON-LINE. Notification will be sent to all registered Alaskan high school music directors when it is posted which will be sometime in August 2023. Copies of all forms and detailed instructions can also be found in the Music Festival Handbook, on-line at www.asaa.org and in the All-State Music Festival Memo I.

5. **AUDITION COMMITTEES:** The audition committees will listen to the auditions during the month of October. Results will be emailed to each music director by **Monday, October 23, 2023.**

6. **FESTIVAL PACKETS FOR SELECTED STUDENTS:** Selected students will receive a festival packet with specific details that may include: notice of selected students, specific details regarding the Gala Concert, music, rehearsal schedule, practice CD information for choir students, miscellaneous memorabilia information for T-shirts, group photos, first chair photos, concert recording, etc.

7. **DIRECTOR'S REGISTRATION, MASTER ELIGIBILITY, CODE of CONDUCT and MUSIC SUPERVISION FORMS** are found in the ASAA Music Handbook and can also be found on the ASAA website at www.asaa.org on the Music Form Page. These are due by **Friday, October 27, 2023.** The TAD & ARBITAR POLICIES (Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Policy) are also part of the Master Eligibility Requirements. For further information, please refer to this section on the ASAA web site at www.asaa.org and in the Music Handbook if needed.

8. **FEES:** ASAA will invoice each school **\$20** for each audition adjudicated. An additional fee of \$20 will be charged for each participant selected after the festival has concluded.

9. **CHAIR AUDITIONS:** Band, Choir and Orchestra chair auditions will be determined at the festival on the first day of rehearsals.

10. **MIXED CHOIR / TREBLE CHOIR PLACEMENT:** After the audition committee has completed their adjudications, the women voiced applications will be ranked by scores from highest to lowest. Students will not be able to choose which group they are placed. However, students will be asked to indicate on their application form in which Alaska All-State Honor Group they have previously participated. Both choirs are HONOR CHOIRS.

11. **GUEST CONDUCTORS:** The following conductors were invited, have selected the music and will serve as the conductors for the **2023 All-State Music Festival.**

ALL-STATE BAND:

ALL-STATE MIXED CHOIR:

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA:

ALL-STATE TREBLE CHOIR:

Dr. Robert Belser, University of Wyoming

Julie Yu Oppenheimer, Kansas State University

Dr. Charles Laux, Lassiter HS, Georgia

Kristina MacMullen, Baylor University

12. **GROUP COORDINATORS:** The following Alaska Music Directors are serving as the Group Coordinators and Assistants for the Music Festival.

ALL-STATE ASD MUSIC COORDINATOR:	Nathan Coronado
ALL-STATE ASD MUSIC ASSISTANT COOR:	Leah Maltbie
ALL-STATE ASD LOGISTICS COORDINATOR:	Philip Walters
ALL-STATE MUSIC ON-SITE COORDINATOR:	Jonathan Cannamore, Bartlett HS Band Dir
ALL-STATE BAND COORDINATOR:	Justin Somaduroff, South Anchorage Band D
ALL-STATE BAND ASSISTANT:	James Webb, Dimond HS Band Dir
ALL-STATE ON-SITE PERCUSSION COORDINATOR:	<i>tbd</i>
ALL-STATE MIXED CHOIR COORDINATOR:	Annie Herzog, Bartlett HS
ALL-STATE MIXED CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:	Susan Reed
ALL-STATE TREBLE CHOIR COORDINATOR:	Ashley Easton-Petito, Chugiak & Eagle River Choir Dir
ALL-STATE TREBLE CHOIR ACCOMPANIST:	Janet Carr-Campbell
ALL-STATE CHOIR ASSISTANT:	Lesli Olson, ASD
ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA COORDINATOR:	Michael Preskitt, Bartlett HS
ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA ASSISTANT:	Matt Cancio, Bartlett HS

13. **EVENT SUPERVISION:** Each participating school is requested to identify a faculty representative who is responsible for the conduct of its participants and students through the contest, as defined in the ASAA By-Laws: "A certified staff member or other person approved in advance by the principal or superintendent of a member school or district, must accompany and be in charge of a traveling group."