



South Dakota Music Educators Association

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2012 SDMEA MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL-STATE BAND

March 2-3, 2012

T.F. Riggs High School, Pierre, SD

This year marks the 13th Annual South Dakota Music Educators Association Middle School All-State Band. The past twelve years have presented the opportunity to grow in our service to young musicians across the state. SDMEA takes great pride in this event as a way to provide an opportunity for students who thrive on challenge and expertise.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Students in grades 6 through 8 who are currently enrolled in a South Dakota public or private school band program are eligible to audition. Audition recordings must be submitted by the instrumental (band) director where the student attends school.
2. The student's band teacher must be a current member of SDMEA.
3. Selected participants are required to be in attendance for ALL rehearsals of Middle School All-State Band. Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts.

Audition Requirements

1. All auditions will be submitted online. Please follow the link found at www.sdmea.net.
2. Each scale and etude will be uploaded individually in **MP3 format only**
 - a. for winds: scales, 6/8 etude, 4/4 etude (5 recordings to upload)
 - b. for percussion: scales, mallet etude, timpani etude, rudiments, snare etude (10 recordings to upload)
3. The scales and etudes should be played as written.
4. Please do not have the students identify themselves when recording.

There is a \$9 audition fee (per audition). Audition fees may be paid by credit card on the opus event website or by sending a check to ReNae Jackson. Checks should be made payable to SDMEA. If you are paying by check, please print the summary of auditions and send with the payment. Only **ONE** check per school will be accepted. Checks will need to be postmarked by December 9, 2011. Please do not send cash.

Please note: You will be charged for all auditions complete and incomplete if you have uploaded audition materials. NO refunds will be issued for incomplete auditions.

The registration fee will also be \$9 per student selected to either band and will be due February 17, 2012. Only **ONE** check will be accepted per school for the registration fee.

Audition deadline is December 2, 2011. The ability to upload audition material to the website will be unavailable after December 2, 2011. This will allow for a prompt adjudication, with notification no later than January 13, 2012.

Submitted auditions that do not meet the eligibility and/or audition requirements will not be adjudicated.