

Southeastern District – M.M.E.A.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT FESTIVAL BULLETIN

MARCH 6 & 7, 2009

To: All Music Teachers, Participants and Parents
From: Gary Hyman & Kelly Bitner, Festival Hosts

The **2009 Southeastern Junior District Music Festival** will be held at Attleboro Comprehensive High School. This is all of the information that you will need for the weekend. There will not be an additional mailing. If directors have any special questions please call us at the school at 508-222-5150, ext. 256 or e-mail:

Gary Hyman: ghyman@attleboroschools.com or

Kelly Bitner: kbitner@attleboroschools.com

The Festival Chairperson is Christine Borning: cborning@semmea.org

Parents and students must direct questions and problems to their own music teachers at their own schools.

There will be two concerts again this year, which will be held in the Robert H. Bray Auditorium on Saturday March 7, 2007. (Snow Date March 8) Each concert will have a separate ticket. Parents who have students in both concerts will not have to purchase tickets for both.

Concert A

Jazz Ensemble, Treble Chorus and Mixed Chorus

1:00pm

Doors will open at 12:30pm. Please do not arrive at the school before 12:00pm.

Concert B

Orchestra and Concert Band

3:00pm

Doors will open approximately 2:30pm.

Registration

Registration will take place on Friday, March 6 from 8:00 to 8:45 AM in the Auditorium Lobby. Please don't come early. Follow the signs for the bus parking. This is the entrance by the Superintendent's office. Busses should drop off students at the door and go to the parking lot. (Students will be there to assist with directions.) **Directors only at the registration table!** Students will go directly to their rehearsal. Managers will take attendance at all rehearsals. Remember: attendance is required at all rehearsals. Students may not arrive late or leave early.

Parents cannot be given the responsibility of registering students unless a letter is signed by the school principal. The principal must understand that he/she is signing a letter indicating that the parent is responsible for the student(s) and that the parent will remain at all rehearsals. You cannot just "drop them off" at the

rehearsal and leave them. Attleboro High School will not accept unsupervised students.

Directions to Attleboro High School

Rt. 95 to Exit 3 rte.123 off Rt. 95, head east on Rt. 123

- Take first left at the Shell Station (Lathrop Drive)
- Follow Lathrop Drive for 8/10ths of a mile
- Turn right onto Rome Boulevard and proceed
- Rome Boulevard becomes Rathbun Willard Drive
- Attleboro High School is on the right

Student Preparation

Learn you music!

Get help from your director and private teacher.

What Should Students Bring With Them?

1. Music, instrument and a pencil.
2. Brass players need their mutes, valve oil, etc...
3. Saxes & clarinets bring extra reeds.
4. Percussionists bring a snare drum & sticks/mallets.
5. \$\$ Money for snacks, T-shirt and concert tickets \$\$
6. Band/ orchestra students bring a folding music stand
(WRITE YOUR NAME & SCHOOL ON YOUR STAND.)

Student Behavior

No smoking, drugs, alcohol, foul language or disrespectful behavior will be tolerated! Attleboro High School Dress Code prohibits the wearing of hats in the building during the school day. The use of cell phones by students during the day is also prohibited. Students are to remain at their rehearsal at all times. Wandering throughout the building is not permitted. Take care of your belongings. We cannot be responsible for your personal items!

Meals

Friday and Saturday lunches are provided at no cost for all participating students, chaperones and festival officials. Students will get a meal ticket from their manager during rehearsal. Adult tickets will be available at the registration desk. Directors are asked to turn in requests for vegetarian meals by March 1st.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 6	9:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, March 7	9:00am-Concert time

There will be a complete rehearsal schedule for each ensemble available at the registration table.

If there is a snow cancellation or a delay, information will be posted on the district website, <http://semmea.org> , or you may call one of the following numbers:

Music Office: (508)222-5150 x256

Emergency Only: (508)345-5991

REHEARSAL BREAKS

Will be announced at the individual rehearsals each day.

The following items will be available for purchase . . .

Snacks, Soda, Juice and Water

Festival T-shirts (\$12.00)

Cash or Money Order (payable to AHS Music Parents) only please!!

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING

Friday at 3:00 P.M. in the Lecture Hall (by the principal's office)

(Executive board will meet at 2:00 P.M.)

. . . follow the signs to the main lobby . . .

Nurse

A nurse will be on duty throughout the Festival.

All student medical forms are already on file.

Let her know if there are any special problems.

Motels

HOLIDAY INN (Mansfield)
(508-339-2200)

Exit 7A off Rt. 95

RED ROOF INN (Mansfield)
(508-339-2323)

Exit 7A off Rt. 95

DAYS INN (S. Attleboro)
(508-761-4825)

Exit 1 off Rt. 95

SUPER 8 (N. Attleboro)
(508-643-2900)

Exit 4 off Rt. 95 (on Rt. 1)

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Concert Dress

Boys: White dress shirt, tie, black pants, black shoes and socks

Girls: White blouse, black skirt (knee length or lower) or pants, black shoes

Concert Tickets

Concert tickets are \$8.00. Our auditorium seats about 1,200 people.

Tickets will be sold at the rehearsal breaks on Friday and at the door on Saturday.

Tickets will not be held at the door.

CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: Southeastern District

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Recordings

The concert will be recorded by the Brooks Recording Company. The cost of the double CD will be \$20. Recordings may only be ordered at the concert on Saturday. A table will be in the main lobby before and after the concert to take your orders. The recordings will be sent directly to your house.

Please note: cash or money orders (payable to: A.H.S. Music Parents) only will be taken. (personal checks will not be accepted)

No other video or audio recording will be allowed due to fire regulations and for the comfort and enjoyment of all audience members. Please do not take flash photographs during the performances.