

# FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



Dear Principal,

Your music teacher recently received an invitation from the Florida Elementary Music Educators Association (FEMEA) to participate in a unique music education opportunity for elementary students and teachers. FEMEA is a component organization of FMEA (Florida Music Education Association). FEMEA will be hosting the third FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble in Tampa, Florida January 11-12, 2018. This very prestigious Orff Ensemble for fourth and fifth graders will perform during the annual professional development conference of the FMEA. This Orff Ensemble will perform a concert on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. Each elementary music teacher who is a member of FEMEA may nominate up to five students to audition for the Orff Ensemble. Your music teacher is required to follow the official FEMEA procedures and has these materials available for your review.

FMEA/FEMEA strives to provide relevant and energizing professional development opportunities for music teachers and their students. This All-State Orff Ensemble is a shining example of one such service to membership. There are some expenses involved and we hope that you will assist your parents and your music teacher in securing funding for deserving young musicians from your school.

We are excited this year to have nationally acclaimed conductors, **BethAnn Hepburn** and **Roger Sams**. BethAnn teaches 4th-6th graders at Henry Defer Intermediate School in Streetsboro, Ohio. She is an instructor for Orff Schulwerk courses and a frequent presenter for AOSA and Orff chapters throughout the United States, and provides workshops internationally. BethAnn has served on the AOSA National Board, and on the General Music Committee for the Ohio Music Education Association. Roger Sams has been an Orff Schulwerk teacher, clinician and teacher trainer for over twenty years. He has presented at state, regional and national conferences, has taught in teacher training courses throughout the country, and has served on the National Board of Trustees of AOSA.

In order for your music teacher and students to participate in the All-State Orff Ensemble, your enthusiastic support will be necessary. Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each participating music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the audition recordings will be disqualified:

1. Membership dues for the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be paid by **September 15, 2017**.
2. The paperwork must be complete.
3. The audition fees must be attached (\$15 per student).
4. Requisitions, purchase orders, or personal checks cannot be used. Only school checks, PTA checks or money orders made payable to FEMEA will be accepted.
5. The audition paperwork should be sent to the District Chair and the video recordings uploaded to the FEMEA website in .mov or mp4 format.
6. The postmark must not be later than **Friday, September 22, 2017**.
7. If you have a student or students who are selected, the materials fee of \$45 per student and \$25 per teacher must be postmarked by **Friday, October 27, 2017** or the student(s) will not be allowed to participate.

Please contact us if you have questions or if we can assist you or your music teacher in any way.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Hewitt*, All-State Orff Coordinator

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble will perform at the January 2018 Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Professional Development Conference in Tampa. Only the finest fourth and fifth grade musicians in the state have been asked to audition for this ensemble, and your child has been so honored.

Your child's music teacher will help to make a video recording. There is a \$15 processing fee that must be sent with the paperwork by **September 22, 2017**. The audition results will be available on the FMEA website for the music teacher by noon on **October 10, 2017**. The decisions of the judges are final, and auditions will not be re-heard. If your child is selected, there will be an FMEA (Florida Elementary Music Educators Association) materials fee of \$45 that will cover music, materials, clinician's fees and rehearsal video. Additional FMEA Conference fees (online by Dec. 12: - \$50, *on site* - \$80, (2<sup>nd</sup> chaperone \$40, *on site* - \$60)) will be required. Check with your music teacher for details. Music and a rehearsal video will be made available to the music teacher. **All fees are non-refundable.**

If your child is selected, your child's name and school will be published on the FMEA website. You will need to travel to Tampa on Thursday, January 11, 2018 allowing time to park and walk to the Tampa Convention Center. Check-in begins at 10:15 am. You will need to make arrangements to stay for one night, unless you are within commuting distance to the rehearsal and performance site. **It is an All-State policy that children who are not in the ensemble are not allowed in the rehearsals and FMEA does not permit school age children in the Convention Center except to attend the concert.** There are rehearsals Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, and the concert will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm. A parent or adult guardian chaperone (other than the music educator) must accompany the student during all non-rehearsal times. Housing information will be available for your music teacher in early fall. Tickets for family and friends, other than the student's chaperone, will be available for \$10.

**Conductors BethAnn Hepburn and Roger Sams** are well known to Florida music educators. BethAnn teaches 4th-6th graders at Henry Defer Intermediate School in Streetsboro, Ohio. She is an instructor for Orff Schulwerk courses and a frequent presenter for AOSA and Orff chapters throughout the United States, and provides workshops internationally. BethAnn has served on the AOSA National Board, and on the General Music Committee for the Ohio Music Education Association. Roger Sams has been an Orff Schulwerk teacher, clinician and teacher trainer for over twenty years. He has presented at state, regional and national conferences, has taught in teacher training courses throughout the country, and has served on the National Board of Trustees of AOSA.

Because we want the audition process to be as fair as possible, each music teacher must adhere to the following guidelines or the auditions will be disqualified:

1. The teacher's membership in the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME), FMEA and FEMEA must be renewed by **September 15, 2017**.
2. The paperwork must be complete with the auditions uploaded on the FEMEA website.
3. The audition fees must be attached.
4. Requisitions, purchase orders or personal checks may not be used. Only school checks, PTA checks or money orders made payable to FEMEA will be accepted.
5. The audition paperwork must be sent to the FEMEA district chair; audition recordings uploaded to the FEMEA website.
6. The postmark must not be later than **September 22, 2017**.
7. If your child is selected, the materials fee of \$45 per student, Completed Materials Fee Form and Participant's Contract must be postmarked by **Friday, October 27, 2017** or the student will not be allowed to participate.

If you would like for your child to audition for this ensemble, please read all the enclosed pages. Complete the student information and the parent permission sections of the application and return both pages and the \$15 processing fee to the music teacher. Be sure to sign using **blue or red ink** to ensure originals are submitted.

Sincerely,  
Music Teacher