

Orchestral Activities Report
MSBOA District 8 Fall 2011 Meeting
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All-State Audition Requirements:

- ♪ On MSBOA website (using orchestral excerpts).
- ♪ Those files originally hard to read have been reloaded.

String Reading Session: Was September 17, 2011

Middle Level String Clinic (for grades 7-9): Registration deadline is September 22, 2011.

- ♪ Dates and locations:
 - ♪ October 15: Chelsea (Rodney Page and Val Palmieri), Portage (Jan Flower and Linda Trotter)
 - ♪ October 22: Grosse Pointe (Dave Reed and Jed Fritzemeier), South Haven (Marilyn Kesler, Dorothy McDonald)
- ♪ Music Selections:
 - ♪ Orchestra A: Galop! (Balmages); Hiyoko Dances (Yamada)
 - ♪ Orchestra B: Double Trouble (Bernofsky), Wraggle-Taggle Gypsies (arr. Croft)
- ♪ Orchestras/locations will be filled by postmark dates.
- ♪ \$10/student (does not include food)
- ♪ Late entries will be \$1.00/student and only accepted until September 30.
- ♪ More information on the MSBOA website.

High-School Strings Alternative Styles Day (for grades 9-12 AND teachers!): Registration deadline is October 3, 2011.

- ♪ Focusing on JAZZ this year!
- ♪ Date and location:
 - ♪ Saturday, November 12, 2011
 - ♪ Michigan State University
- ♪ Clinician:
 - ♪ Randy Sabien (<http://www.randysabien.com>)
- ♪ Fees:
 - ♪ \$35/student (includes lunch)
 - ♪ \$15/teacher or chaperone (includes lunch and admission to evening concert)
 - ♪ \$5/concert ticket (for additional guests)
 - ♪ Late entries will be \$5.00/registration and accepted until postmark deadline of Oct. 10.
- ♪ More information is available on the MSBOA website.

MSBOA/MASTA Teacher Orchestra (at MMC):

- ♪ Thursday of MMC: Orchestra rehearses in the morning and then serves as the clinic group for the Conducting Symposium.
- ♪ Also will perform an informal concert as a session at MMC.
- ♪ More information will be out soon!!!

Basic Music List:

- ♪ Please consider additions and alterations to the BML by following the correct procedures in the MSBOA Handbook. There is a great need for selections to be added to the D and C lists at both the MS and HS levels.
- ♪ Luck's Music has extended its 20% discount to MSBOA Districts for ordering music for sight-reading materials and other MSBOA State and District events. (This does not extend to individual school orders, which receive a discount of 10%.)

Proficiency Requirements:

- ♪ String Committee requested to require that Proficiency Scales be performed by ALL INSTRUMENTS (currently only piano and harp have such requirements) at quarter note = 80 for Prof. I, quarter note = 100 for Prof. II, and quarter note = 120 for Prof. III. This was presented to FIC and passed. It will now go to the Executive Board and then the General Membership for final approval.
- ♪ String Committee is also considering changes in the order and number(s) of octaves in the Proficiency Scales so that they are more level- and learning-sequence-appropriate. This will be the focus of the String Committee's January 6 meeting.

ASTA Eclectic Strings Festival: Deadline will be in November

- ♪ Open to students and teachers alike!
- ♪ Three days of workshops and clinics at the ASTA National Conference by world-renowned clinicians: Michael Doucet, Byron Berline, Renata Bratt
- ♪ Dates and location:
 - ♪ March 22-24, 2012
 - ♪ Atlanta, GA
- ♪ More information is on the ASTA website: <http://www.astaweb.com>.

Upcoming Events:

- ♪ Michigan Music Conference: January 19-21, 2012, Grand Rapids, MI
- ♪ ASTA National Conference: March 21-24, 2012, Atlanta, GA (To join ASTA, please visit <http://www.astaweb.com>.)

Respectfully submitted,

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