

Rockland County Music Educators Association

an affiliate of the New York State School Music Association

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the Contemporary/Jazz All-County Music Festival. There were many students recommended, but only a select few can participate, and it is an honor to be chosen. Your child will be joining some of the best student musicians in Rockland County. This year's Festival will take place on **Friday, January 20, 2023** and **Saturday, January 21, 2023.** It will be held at **Nanuet High School**. Please contact your music teacher for information regarding transportation.

Along with honor comes responsibility. All students participating in the Festival are **required** to be present at **all** rehearsals and must attend for the **full length** of each rehearsal. There will be no exceptions for **any** reason. For security reasons, no student may leave the school during the Festival.

Prior to the weekend of the Festival, music teachers will be meeting with students to help them prepare the Festival music. Students must also practice outside of the regular school day, and are expected to prepare and learn their music before the first rehearsal.

The All-County Festival provides a challenging and rewarding experience for those who participate. Students are reminded that their school districts are judged by their conduct and performance at this Festival and are expected to act responsibly and respectfully.

Please check your calendar to be sure your child can attend all rehearsals and the concert and notify your music teacher if your child cannot attend, so that a qualified alternate can be selected. If your child can participate, please sign the attached contract and return it to your music teacher. **Your child cannot attend without this contract being signed.** Details regarding the Festival are included with this letter. Any other questions you may have should be addressed to your child's music teacher.

Again, congratulations on the achievement of your child. We are all looking forward to a challenging and rewarding weekend of music.

Sincerely,

The RCMEA Executive Council

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/RCMEAMusic and Instagram at instagram.com/rcmeamusic for festival updates, announcements, and website information!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to copyright law, the use of video recording is strictly prohibited.

CONTEMPORARY/JAZZ ALL-COUNTY DETAILS

Rehearsal Schedule

Friday, 1/20/23: Rehearsals – 4:00 to 8:00 (with dinner break) - Arrive between 3:30 and 3:45

Saturday, 1/21/23: Rehearsals – 9:00 to concert time (with lunch break) – Arrive between 8:30 and 8:45

Students should check in with your District's music teacher chaperones upon arrival.

Pre-Ordered Tickets

Pre-ordered meal and concert tickets will be distributed by teachers to students before the conclusion of Friday's rehearsal. If your child does not participate in the Festival for any reason, there will be no refunds for meal tickets or any registration fees. Concert tickets may be sold back only during the Festival weekend prior to the concerts.

Additional Concert Tickets

Concert tickets (if available) will go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at the meal break on Friday evening.

Concert

Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm at Nanuet High School.

Concert Dress

White top and black pants or long skirt (at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length). Black shoes, no sneakers. Optional tie or bow tie. All County festivals are formal events so we all want to look the same. No leggings, jeans, sweats or workout gear, or clothing with large logos.

Students must bring their concert attire with them on Saturday morning. Students may not leave the site. There will be bathrooms available for changing.

Instruments, Music and Supplies

All students (except percussionists) must bring their own instruments, music and supplies. Percussionists must bring their own sticks. Do not expect the hosting school to supply strings, reeds or instruments. All students should also bring a pencil to mark their music.

Note: Please instruct your child NOT to bring any unnecessary valuables, such as electronic music/tablet devices. The hosting school and the RCMEA will not be responsible for any lost or stolen items.

FYI

Please take note of items that can be pre-ordered (checks only), as well as items available during the festival itself (Merchandise page). **At the festival, RCMEA accepts cash, checks, credit cards, Zelle, or Paypal.**

Weather Concerns

In the event of inclement weather, changes in the weekend schedule will be announced through the following outlets: WEBSITES: www.rcmea.org; facebook.com/RCMEAMusic; instagram.com/rcmeamusic
PHONE: 845-587-1969 (message will be left on the voicemail)

If Friday's rehearsal is canceled, Saturday will remain a festival day, and the concert will proceed as scheduled. If Saturday has a delay, the concert will proceed as scheduled. If Saturday's rehearsal is canceled, the festival will be rescheduled to a future date to be determined.

(please print)

Name of Student: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Music Teacher: _____

RCMEA C/JAC CONTRACT

_____ will attend all rehearsals for their full length, and the concert, for the C/JAC All-County Music Festival. This student will come with their music prepared and will conduct him/herself in a responsible and respectful manner at all times during the Festival. It is understood that disruptive behavior may result in the removal of the student from the Festival.

It is further understood that failure to attend the Festival (for reasons other than illness or family emergency) may result in exclusion from future Festivals. It is also understood that all RCMEA music must be returned by the conclusion of the Festival.

Dated: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Photographs may be taken during the festival and posted on our social media pages (no names will be included). Contact us at WebmasterRCMEA@gmail.com if you do not want your child photographed. Please include your child's name, district, school, music teacher, and ensemble in which they are performing.

In case of emergency:

Primary contact:

Additional contact:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone # (home/cell): _____

Phone #: _____

Please note any medical concerns we should be aware of: _____



Please return this form to your music teacher. Thank you.

RCMEA C/JAC Festival Merchandise

Tickets, Meals, and More!



What can I pre-order now? (on our Parent Festival Order Form)

<p>Tickets</p> <p>Come see our talented students perform! (Pre-order up to 3 max.)</p>  <p>\$8.00 each</p>	<p>Dinner on Friday</p> <p>Penne vodka, penne marina, mini italian meatballs, bread and butter, cookie, & bottled water</p>  <p>\$13.00</p>	<p>Lunch on Saturday</p> <p>Italian combo or turkey deli sandwich, or chicken caesar wrap, pasta salad, fruit salad, brownie, & bottled water</p>  <p>\$12.00</p>
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<p>2023 All-County Festival T-shirt Adult sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL)</p>  <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>CD or Digital Audio Download of Concert</p>  <p>\$15.00</p>
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What will be available the day of the festival?

<p>Additional Concert Tickets</p>  <p>\$8.00 each</p>	<p>All-County Festival T-shirts Adult sizes (S, M, L, XL)</p>  <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>CD or Digital Audio Download of Concert</p>  <p>\$15.00</p>
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<p>RCMEA Animal Beanies</p>  <p>\$10.00</p>	<p>Fresh Roses</p>  <p>\$3.00 each</p>
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RCMEA C/JAC Parent Order Form

Student's Name _____

Each All-County student may reserve up to 3 tickets for Saturday's concert. Reserved tickets will be picked up by your music teacher and distributed to the students by the conclusion of Friday evening's rehearsal.

Additional tickets, if available, will be sold at the Festival on Friday and Saturday during breaks on a first-come, first-served basis. Any remaining tickets will be sold on Saturday at the door before the concert.

All meals must be ordered in advance.

Please indicate below which of the following you would like to pre-order:

Concert Tickets (3 max): _____ @\$8.00 each \$_____

Dinner on Friday (\$13.00): YES _____ NO _____ \$_____

(Penne vodka, penne marina, mini italian meatballs,
bread and butter, cookie, & bottled water)

Lunch on Saturday (\$12.00): YES _____ NO _____ \$_____

(Italian combo or turkey deli sandwich, or chicken caesar wrap,
pasta salad, fruit salad, brownie, & bottled water)

T-shirt (\$10.00): YES _____ NO _____ (Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL) \$_____

(adult sizes)

(circle one)

Registration Fee (\$20.00) - required if not paid by school district \$20.00

(*Please check with student's music teacher)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$_____

Please attach a check made out to _____ (NOT RCMEA)
to this order form and return it to your music teacher by _____ (date).



RCMEA
C/JAC CD / Digital Audio Download Order Form

If you would like to pre-order a CD or Digital Audio Download of the entire All County concert, fill out the form below and **PLEASE PRINT**:

Child's name: _____

Child's music teacher: _____

Child's school: _____

*Parent's email (needed for digital download only): _____

Circle group your child is participating in:

jazz band contemporary chorus contemporary orchestra

of CDs ____ @ \$15.00 each **AND/OR** Digital download ____ @ \$15.00

Total amount enclosed: \$_____ Check number: #_____

Please include a separate check made out to "RCMEA" for the total CD/Digital download amount (include **phone number on check**) and mail along with this form to:

Barbara Zacheis
RCMEA – CJAC CD/Audio
468 Christian Herald Road
Valley Cottage, NY 10989

Please note: Checks will not be cashed until after the festival. Returned checks will incur an additional fee. Money orders are acceptable. Only mailed checks will be physically returned if the festival is canceled due to inclement weather.

C/JAC DIRECTIONS

NANUET HIGH SCHOOL

**103 Church Street
Nanuet, NY 10954
845-627-9800**

From Upstate New York and the Tappan Zee Bridge:

- NYS Thruway to Exit 13S (*Palisades Parkway South*)
- Take Palisades Parkway one exit to Exit 8W (*Spring Valley*) onto Route 59W to the first traffic light (*under the overpass*)
- Turn left at light onto Smith Street
- Follow Smith Street around the bend (the road becomes Church Street at this point)
- Go past the Nanuet Public Library and A. MacArthur Barr Middle School on your left.
- Next driveway on left is Nanuet Senior High School.

From the George Washington Bridge:

- Palisades Parkway North to Exit 8W (*Spring Valley*). Follow above directions from this point.