

Illinois Music Educators Association

IMEA District 3 Festival Information

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Greetings! The All-District concert festival is fast approaching. It will be held on **Saturday, November 21 on the campus of Illinois State University.**

GENERAL REMINDERS

- Please read through all of this information, **SHARE WITH YOUR ENTIRE MUSIC STAFF**, and inform your participating students! You would be surprised at how many phone calls I get from parents and other teachers!
- **Please note that there are differences from past festivals this year.**
- **Again this year:** we will be holding a short meeting for new directors to District 3 at 8:45 am in the Spotlight Room. Please come so we can meet you, as well as help you with any of your needs or questions you are afraid to ask in front of everyone!
- **The admission fee for the festival concerts will be \$3 for adults, \$2 for students (K-12) & Senior Citizens. Participating students and directors will be admitted for free (directors need to wear a name badge), and tickets are good for both the Junior High and High School concerts. PLEASE notify your parents and other audience members of this admission price!**
- All students are asked to wear nice dress clothes for the concert. Male students should wear dress shirts, ties, dress pants, dress shoes, etc. Female students should wear dresses or skirts, dress pants, etc. Students will be given time to change before their concert. This time is determined on the festival day depending on the progress of the group. It is unrealistic for students to meet their directors or parents for clothes prior to the concert. Have your students bring what they need for the day. All students should have their music and a pencil.
- **Band and Orchestra participants must bring a folding music stand, marked with your name and school. Percussionists will need to bring their own sticks, mallets, etc. as well as smaller auxiliary instruments they are assigned.** Check with the appropriate organization chair if you have any questions about this. Please bring all music, mutes, and a pencil.
- **Professional Development:** we are happy to announce that we will be offering three different professional development activities, each offering CPDU credit. Please see the last page for more information.
- A map of the ISU campus can be found by visiting <http://www.ilstu.edu/map/index.phtml>. Go to "Printer Friendly Maps" and then you can choose either the Bloomington-Normal area map or a 3-D campus map. On the 3D campus map, Bone Student Center / Braden Auditorium is #5, Centennial East (Kemp Recital Hall) is #13 or 49, Cook Hall is #20, Edwards Hall (Capen Auditorium) is #23, and Metcalf School is #54

- Directions to ISU:
 - Coming from the north on I-55 or I-39, take the Main Street (Business US 51) exit. Follow Main Street south to College Ave. Turn left, and go one block to University St.
 - From the west on I-74, merge onto I-55 North and then follow the above directions
 - From the east on I-74, take the Main Street (Business US 51) exit. Follow Main Street north all the way to College Avenue (you will go through downtown Bloomington and past most of the ISU campus before you get to College). Turn right, and go one block to University St.
 - From this point, turn right to drop off students. Most buses unload in front of Metcalf Lab School, which will be on your right just after the intersection. Junior Chorus students should walk across the quad to Centennial East, Junior Orchestra and all Senior Groups will just cross the street and enter either Edwards Hall (Sr. Chorus) or Cook Hall for rehearsal locations. Junior Band students can walk across College Avenue and enter the Bone Student Center to find the Ballroom, which is just inside

- Free parking for busses and cars can be found in the lots north of Bone Student Center along Locust Street. You may also park for free in red or green faculty lots around campus. It will cost 80 cents an hour to park in the Bone Center lot if there is an attendant on duty (usually this lot is free, just depends if someone's there. The past few years have been free).

- Directors: please register in the lobby of the Bone Student Center upon arrival. Pick up your CPDU observation form if desired.

- Students are expected to stay for the entire concert. Please arrange a meeting place for students to meet directors / parents after the concert.

- Students and directors are on their own for lunch. There are restaurants that will be open in the Bone Student Center. McAlister's Deli, Pizza Hut Express, Burger King, and the Lobby Shop (pre-packaged snack items). I have notified all restaurants in Bone Student Center. There are also a few restaurants located within walking distance of campus on Main Street.

- **Please note that a representative from your school or parent / chaperone must be in attendance at this event the entire day.** IMEA or ISU is not responsible for your students. All efforts will be made to keep them safe, but in the event of an emergency, we must have a person to contact. I would suggest that you give your students your cell phone number so they can call you in the event of an emergency or illness, or you could also have special check-in times with your students. There is a nurse on duty in Bone Student Center if the need arises. This is a service that Bone Student Center insists we have and we do pay for it.

IMEA District 3 Conference & Festival Schedule

- 8:00 – 10:00 am** **Director Registration, Bone Student Center Lobby**
Pick up your observation form here if you want to participate in the observation / discussion for CPDU credit
- 8:00 am** **Seating For All Organizations:**
Junior Chorus: Kemp Recital Hall, inside Centennial East (entrance to Kemp is right next to the Center for the Performing Arts)
Junior Orchestra: Cook Hall, Room 308
Junior Band: Ballroom, Bone Student Center
Senior Chorus: Capen Auditorium, second floor of Edwards Hall
Senior Orchestra: Cook Hall, Room 305
Senior Band: Cook Hall, Room 212
- 8:30 am** **Rehearsals Begin**
- 8:30 am** **JEM Session: Dare to Drum!! Metcalf Lab School, Rm. 205**
(see next page for more information)
- 8:45 am** **New Director's Meeting**
Spotlight Room, Bone Student Center (1st Floor)
All directors new to District 3, new or veteran, are encouraged to attend
- 9:30 am** **Division Meetings**
All directors are encouraged to attend their appropriate division
Band: Bone Student Center, West Lounge (First Floor)
Orchestra: Bone Student Center, Spotlight Room (First Floor)
Chorus: Bone Student Center, Founders Suite (First Floor)
- 10:15 am** **General Meeting**
Bone Student Center West Lounge (First Floor)
- LUNCH BREAK: Students are free to eat at various restaurants at Bone Student Center or directors may take them off campus**
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| 11:00 – 12:15 | Junior Band & Junior Chorus |
| 11:30 – 1:00 | Junior & Senior Orchestras |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | Senior Band & Senior Chorus |
- 1- 2:30 pm** **Professional Development Workshop, Band Division**
Concert Band "Favorites" Reading Session fro Rural Band Programs – Cook Hall, Room 124 (see next page for more information)
- 2:30 pm** **Junior Organizations Concert**
Bone Student Center, Braden Auditorium
- 5:00 pm** **Senior Organizations Concert**
Bone Student Center, Braden Auditorium

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFERINGS

JEM DIVISION

November 21, 2009: 8:30 am, Metcalf Lab School School, Room 205
8:30-10:00 a.m.

Donna Zawatski, District III Representative, Presiding

Session title: Dare to Drum!

This mini-workshop will focus on performance ready pieces you can share with students ages 7 to 70. Prepare to get your hands moving and your feet tapping with body percussion, tubanos, 5-gallon water jugs and hand drums! Sue Keeble holds three levels of Orff certification and is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and Northwestern University. She currently teaches in the Mahomet public schools.

Andrea O'Neal currently teaches grades 3-5 at Lincoln Trail Elementary in Mahomet, IL. She received her B.A. in Music Education from Anderson University in Anderson, IN with an emphasis in Piano. She completed all three levels of Orff training from Anderson University under the tutelage of Lisa Sullivan, Sarah Hassler, Cindy Giebler, and Steven Calantropio. Gabe Myers is a graduate of Illinois State University (B.M.E. 99, M.M.E. 07), and is in his fourth year of teaching general music at Grove Elementary School in Normal, Illinois. Prior to teaching at Grove Elementary School, he taught band for seven years at Normal Community High School. He has completed two levels of Orff training under Sarah Guterman and Judy Bond.

BAND DIVISION

November 21, 2009

Illinois State University, Normal

1:00-2:30p.m. Cook Hall Room 124

Session Title: Concert Band "Favorites" Reading Session for Rural Band programs

A great time to share your favorites with colleagues from our district! This is especially for teachers in more rural or smaller districts who have challenging instrumentations / smaller groups and have found or arranged gems that work great in these settings. Participants should bring their own instruments to "read" with at the session. If you would like to share a piece during this session, please contact Michelle at bahrmi@champaignschools.org.

Presided by Michelle Bahr, District III Representative,
Facilitated by participating band teachers from District III.