

IMEA District VIII Fall Newsletter 2009

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**Please note the two websites that you will need to use for IMEA.
Please take a moment to bookmark them now:**

www.ilalldist.org - The On-Line Entry Site

www.ilmea.org - the State Web Site for all general information.

Please refer to the Senior, Junior, and JEM pages for further information on District 8 auditions, repertoire, and conductors.

If you have not updated your profile for this year, please take a moment to do it now.

Directions: Go to www.ilalldist.org Select District 8, then your school, and then your name. Enter your password (it will help you if you forgot your password). THEN ignore the message about your school participation for the moment (be sure to do this later) and **CLICK ON YOUR NAME AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE**. This will bring you to your profile. After you update your info, it is VERY important for you to click the **UPDATE** button at the bottom in order for your changes to be saved. Please mark all areas of instruction for which you would like to receive information. Email communication will be targeted by level and area of instruction.

SCHOOL PARTICIPATION FEE

You will not be able to register students on-line until your school fee is paid.
Not sure if you paid your participation fee? Just log in, if you can see the Forms page (to register students) then you are paid. If not, please contact the state office TODAY.
You may also pay the fee on-line with a credit card at www.ilmea.org

This newsletter is no longer sent via mail. It was emailed to everyone currently registered in District 8 through the RNS system as a PDF attachment. **Please forward this email to any colleague who might be interested in participating in IMEA, especially to our colleagues who are new to the area.**

2009 Fees, Deadlines, Dates, and Locations

Deadline for Nominations and Audition Fees

Strings & Harp: Friday, September 18, 2009 (To be completed through IMEA District 2)

Jr/Sr Choral, Wind & Percussion, & Jazz: Thursday, October 1, 2009

FMES: Friday, November 13, 2009

Elementary: Friday, October 16, 2009 (No Audition Fees)

Audition Fees

Jr/Sr Strings & Harp: **\$5.00** per audition

Checks should be made out to **IMEA District 2** and sent to:

Curtis Fischer-Oeschlaeger, IMEA District 2 President
Rockridge High School
14110 134th Avenue W
Taylor Ridge, IL 61284

Jr/Sr Choral, Wind & Percussion, & Jazz: **\$5.00** per audition

Checks should be made out to **IMEA District 8** and sent to:

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Audition Dates and Sites

Jr/Sr String & Harp Auditions:

Saturday, October 3, 2009
Geneseo Middle & High Schools

Jr/Sr Choral, Wind & Percussion, & Jazz Auditions:

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Sterling High School

Festival Dates and Locations

Children's Festival

November 7, 2009
Rochelle Junior High School

Jr/Sr Orchestra Festival

November 14, 2009
Augustana College, Rock Island

Jr/Sr Jazz Festival

November 14, 2009
Hononegah High School, Rockton

Jr/Sr Band and Chorus Festival

November 21, 2009
Northern Illinois University, DeKalb

SAVE SIX STEPS to Participating in IMEA SAVE

1. Register your school and each director on the new website: www.ilalldist.org (Please delete any directors no longer at your school)
2. Send in your **School Participation Fee** every spring.
3. Register your students on the RNS web site by the **September 18** for Strings & Harp; by the **October 1** deadline for Chorus, Band, and Jazz; by the **November 13** deadline for FMES; or by the **October 13** deadline for Elementary.
4. Print your Audition Billing sheet from the web site and pay **Audition Fees** to **Curtis Fischer-Oeschlaeger** (Jr/Sr Strings & Harp), or **Richard Mayer** (Jr/Sr Chorus, Band, and Jazz).
5. After students are selected for the District Festival, send **District Participation Fees** to the **State Office**. You will also print this invoice from the RNS web site after auditions. (More information will come later with notification of District Festival selectees)
6. If you have students selected to ALL-STATE - send **All-State Participation Fees** to the **State Office**.

IMEA District 8 Leadership

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Band Division Representative - Ken Goodman, Sycamore High School
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Professional Development Chair - Lisa Eaton
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