

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

Dress Rehearsal Location:

Norwalk City Hall

8:00AM-5:00PM: Directors' Hospitality—Room 330

8:00AM-5:00PM: Concert Hall Lobby - T-shirts, CD's, DVD's, Music Vendor, and snacks will be on sale.

ARRIVAL TIMES:

8:00AM-8:15AM:

All students in Orchestra, Band, and Chorus

NOTE: Band & Orchestra - Arrive dressed in concert attire

Place belongings in designated rooms/areas on the 2nd & 3rd floors under the first initial of **YOUR LAST NAME**

DRESS REHEARSALS (in Concert Hall)

8:30AM-9:45AM: Chorus Rehearsal
(Audience silently watches rehearsal)

10:15AM-11:30AM: Band Rehearsal
11:45AM-1:00PM: Orchestra Rehearsal
(Audience silently watches rehearsals)

LUNCH - Students in Tent Area

11:30AM-1:30PM: Conductors' Lunch - Room 330
1:00PM-1:30PM: Band & Orchestra lunch
1:45PM-2:30PM: Chorus (lunch & freshen up)

1:00PM-1:45PM: Chorus students change into concert attire

1:30PM-2:00PM: Band freshen up

***** NOTE:** The Concert Hall must be cleared of any personal belongings by 12:45PM.***

12:30PM: Concert Tickets—Concert Hall Lobby
1:15PM: Auditorium Doors Open
1:30PM-2:00PM: Orchestra warm-up on stage
2:00PM-2:30PM: Band warm-up in Community Room
2:45PM-3:15PM: Chorus warm-up in Community Room

Concert #1:

2:00PM-2:30PM: **Orchestra Performs**
2:45PM-3:15PM **Band Performs**
3:15PM: Concert #1 completed. Auditorium is cleared and reset for Chorus

Concert #2:

4:15PM: Auditorium Doors Open
5:00PM-5:45PM: **Chorus Performs**
5:45PM: Concert #2 is completed. Students leave with their families.

******* NOTE *******

If your parents arrive early before the concert, we advise you to give them your luggage ahead of time. This will save you waiting time when your concert is over.

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

By applying for acceptance in the New England Music Festival, you agreed to follow the rules and regulations of personal conduct. Please remember that the hosts of this music festival are not only responsible for your safety and well-being, but also for upholding the supporters who have an interest in your participation.

THE FIVE MAIN RULES:

1. POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS, OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR, ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.
2. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHEDULED DAILY REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES UNLESS YOU ARE ILL. IT IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE AND TO BE ON TIME.
3. CURFEWS WILL BE SET FOR EACH EVENING AND THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.
4. ABUSE, DEFACEMENT, OR THEFT OF ANY PROPERTY OR FACILITY IS PROHIBITED.
5. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONDUCTORS, FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS, HOST FAMILIES, AND FESTIVAL STAFF AT ALL TIMES.

Infractions of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from the Festival. In case of such dismissal, your school and parents will be notified and you will then return home at your own expense with no refund on any payments.

THESE RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. A STUDENT WHO FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE/SHE CANNOT OBSERVE THESE RULES WHILE AT THE FESTIVAL IS ADVISED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FESTIVAL.

REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES/POLICIES

HOUSING: Housing is organized with host families by the Festival Committee. Questions regarding rooming assignments should be directed to the Host Chairpersons at school.

REGISTRATION / ORIENTATION: Upon arrival at the Festival, your chaperone will check in at the Registration Table to receive your rooming assignment and other information. After registration, you will attend a general orientation meeting.

MOTOR VEHICLES: You may not rent, borrow, or drive a motor vehicle of any sort while participating in the Festival. You may NOT be a passenger in any motor vehicle, except that of your chaperone, their designated driver, or the festival bus transportation. This includes your independent time as indicated in the daily schedule.

SMOKING: There is to be no smoking at any time during the festival.

MEDICAL INFORMATION: You must fill out the appropriate medical form. Please bring with you any medication that you need to take regularly and give the information about that medication to the Host Chairpersons or designee. A nurse is in attendance at all rehearsals and performances. Should you require emergency medical attention, the Host Chairpersons and/or the Festival Manager will make the necessary arrangements for you.

PHOTOGRAPHS / RECORDINGS: Rehearsals and performances may be photographed, reproduced, and/or recorded on film, compact disc, or other media and may be displayed and/or disseminated for educational and archival purposes directly related to the New England Music Festival Association, Inc.

NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

90TH ANNUAL CONCERT FESTIVAL

MARCH 16-18, 2017

STUDENT HANDBOOK

HOST: BRIEN McMAHON HIGH SCHOOL

CONCERT SITE: NORWALK CITY HALL

125 EAST AVENUE

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT 06852



Welcome to the 90th Annual New England Music Festival!

On behalf of Brien McMahon High School, the City of Norwalk, and the New England Music Festival Association, Inc., we wish to welcome you to the 2017 NEMFA Concert Festival. It is our hope that this Festival will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your artistry and to create new friendships. We hope that your stay with us is a pleasant, musical and educational one. Please let us know if we can do anything to make you more comfortable while you are here. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to ask any Festival Staff Member.

Most of all, enjoy the 2017 NEMFA Concert Festival!

Sincerely, Frank Arcari, Scott Benson, & Ron Secchi

Important Phone Numbers:

Frank Arcari, Host Co-Chair: (860) 655-8596

Scott Benson, Host Co-Chair: (603)769-1521

Ron Secchi, Host Co-Chair: (203) 858-5434

Festival Headquarters: Norwalk Inn & Conference Center, 99 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851; Telephone (203) 838-2000

Hospital: Norwalk Hospital, 34 Maple Street, Norwalk, CT 06852; Telephone: (203) 852-2000

FESTIVAL RULES

Attendance at all Festival functions is required.
Please, absolutely NO SMOKING during the Festival.

Your name badge/ID is your Festival identification. Please wear it at all times. See your ensemble manager if it is lost.

You will need your name badge/ID to obtain all meals served at Norwalk City Hall, while participating in the Festival.

The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is forbidden and will result in immediate dismissal from the Festival.

Students are not allowed to drive during the Festival. Host Parents, Parents, Directors/Supervisors, are the only means of transporting students to and from all Festival events.

You are expected to be in your rooms at your host family's home with lights out at the time of curfew.

Please report to all rehearsals on time, be polite, respectful, and cooperate with others. Please do not wear or use scented products during the Festival.

Make sure that your valuables are secured in the designated locations. If you have a problem or questions, see your ensemble manager or a Festival Co-Chairperson.

Rehearsals/Concert Schedule

90th NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL
March 16-18, 2017
NORWALK CITY HALL
125 East Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut 06852

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

BUSES AND CARS/VANS DROP OFF:
Norwalk City Hall Front Entrance

ALL STUDENTS place luggage in the Concert Hall
(rear of auditorium)

REMEMBER WHERE YOU LEFT YOUR LUGGAGE!!

Students should drop off their instruments/folders in their respective rehearsal spaces:

BAND: Mary McCarthy Room
ORCHESTRA: Concert Hall Stage
CHORUS: Community Room

Students please remain in your practice areas until the General Meeting at 1:30PM in the Concert Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 (continued)

NOTE:

People are working in City Hall, please do not wander outside of designated areas.

- 10:00AM-1:00PM:** Registration in **City Hall Lobby**
10:00AM-12:30PM: Vocal Rehearings - Rooms 300 / 322 / 333
10:00AM-9:00PM: Directors' Hospitality - Room 330
11:30AM-9:30PM: City Hall Lobby - T-shirts, CD's, DVD's, and snacks will be on sale.
12:30PM-1:15PM: Vocal Remedial Session - Room 300
1:30PM-2:00PM: GENERAL MEETING - Concert Hall
All students and Directors/Supervisors

AFTERNOON REHEARSALS

- 2:00PM-5:00PM:** Band - Mary McCarthy Room
2:00PM-5:00PM: Orchestra - **Concert Hall Stage**
2:00PM-5:45PM: Chorus - **Community Room**

- 2:30PM-5:00PM:** String Section Principal Chair Auditions - Rooms 300 / 322 / 333
3:00PM-4:30PM: Director's Forum: Vocal Adjudication Process - Common Council Chambers (3rd Floor)

DINNER - Tent Area

- 5:00PM-5:45PM:** Band and Orchestra
5:45PM-6:30PM: Chorus

EVENING REHEARSALS

- 6:00PM-9:15PM:** Band - Mary McCarthy Room
6:00PM-9:15PM: Orchestra - **Concert Hall Stage**
6:45PM-9:15PM: Chorus - **Community Room**
8:30PM-9:15PM: Host Family Meeting - **Tent**
9:15PM-9:30PM: All Students - Report to Concert Hall where you will meet and leave with host families.

**** Host families will stand under the FIRST LETTER OF THE HOST FAMILY LAST NAME, posted on the wall in Concert Hall.****

Instruments may be secured in the rehearsal space.

- 9:30PM:** Directors' Hospitality - Norwalk Inn & Conference Center - Room TBA
11:00PM: Curfew

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

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People are working in City Hall, please do not wander outside of designated areas.

- 8:00AM-5:00PM:** Concert Hall Lobby - T-shirts, CD's, DVD's, and snacks will be on sale.
8:00AM-5:00PM: Directors' Hospitality - Room 330

MORNING REHEARSALS

- 8:30AM-12:45PM:** Band - Mary McCarthy Room
8:30AM-12:45PM: Orchestra - **Concert Hall Stage**
8:30AM-12:00PM: Chorus - **Community Room**

- 8:30AM:** Past Presidents Meeting - Room 322
10:00AM: NEMFA Executive Board Meeting - Room 333

LUNCH - Tent Area

- 12:00PM-12:45PM:** Chorus
12:45PM-1:30PM: Band and Orchestra

AFTERNOON REHEARSALS

- 12:45PM-5:00PM:** Chorus - **Community Room**
1:30PM-5:00PM: Band - Mary McCarthy Room
1:30PM-5:00PM: Orchestra - **Concert Hall Stage**

- 2:00PM:** NEMFA Annual All-Member Meeting - Common Council Chambers (3rd Floor)
5:00PM: All Students - Report to Concert Hall where you will meet with host families for dinner and overnight stay.

Instruments may be secured in the rehearsal space.

- 6:00PM:** Directors' Reception - Norwalk Inn & Conference Center - Mariner Room 1, 2, & 3
9:30PM: Directors' Hospitality - Norwalk Inn & Conference Center - Room TBA
11:00PM: Curfew