

## SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 (continued)

5:00PM --- Students leave with their families and pick up luggage in for their return home. Dinner is on your own. A list of restaurants in the area is included in information packet.

### FESTIVAL CONCLUDES

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## **New England Music Festival**

Middletown High School – Middletown, Connecticut 06457

### STUDENT AGREEMENT

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 wishes of your parents, teachers, school principals, and many 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, SITE HOSTS AND FESTIVAL STAFF AT ALL TIMES.**

Infractions of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from this 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 of any payments. **THESE RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. A STUDENT WHO FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE/SHE CANNOT OBSERVE THESE RULES WHILE AT THE CONCERT FESTIVAL IS ADVISED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.**

### REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES/POLICIES:

**HOUSING** - Housing is organized at the Festival Hotel, The Marriott Courtyard, Cromwell, CT and the Comfort Inn, Cromwell, CT. The directors are at the Headquarters Hotel which is The Inn at Middletown, Middletown, CT. Questions regarding rooming assignments should be directed to the Host Housing Chair or the Festival Director at the Festival Hotel.

**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 / VAPING** - There is to be no smoking or vaping at any time during this festival.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION** - You must fill out the appropriate medical form. Please bring with you any medicine that you need to take regularly, and give the information about that medicine to the Dean of Students and Host Medical Designee. A medical person is in attendance at all rehearsals and performances, and a physician is on call at all times. Should you require emergency medical attention, the Host Chairpersons 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

## **98<sup>th</sup> Annual CONCERT FESTIVAL** **March 13-15, 2025**



### **Festival Handbook** *rev. 1/31/2025*

### **Rehearsals and Concert:**

**Middletown High School**  
**Middletown, Connecticut**

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### **Welcome to the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Music Festival!**

On behalf of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc. we wish to welcome you to the 2025 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're here. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask any Festival Staff Member.

Most of all enjoy the 2025 NEMFA Concert Festival!!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Zak, NEMFA Concert Site Chairperson

rev. 1/31/2025

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### **Important Phone Numbers**

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### **Festival Rehearsals & Concert:**

Middletown High School, 200 La Rosa Lane, Middletown, CT 06457  
(860) 704-4500

### **Headquarters Hotel:**

The Inn at Middletown, 70 Main Street, Middletown, CT 06457

(860) 854-6300

## Festival Rules

Attendance at all Festival functions is required.

Please-Absolutely NO SMOKING / VAPING during the Festival.

Your name badge is your festival identification. Please wear it at all times. See your Ensemble Manager if it is lost.

You will need your name badge to obtain all meals.

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. Parents, Directors/Supervisors, or Designated Buses are the only means of transporting students to and from all Festival events.

You are expected to be in your rooms at your designated hotel with lights out at the time of curfew.

Please report to all rehearsals on time; be polite, respectful and cooperative with others.

Make sure that your valuables are secured in the designated locations.

If you have a problem or question, see the Festival Director.

### Rehearsal/Concerts Schedule

98th NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, March 13-15, 2025  
MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL, Middletown, Connecticut

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

11:00AM - 1:30PM - Student and Director/Supervisor Arrival: --- MPAC (Middletown Performing Arts Center).

Parking: -- Middletown High School parking lot, Middletown

### DO NOT WANDER ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS!!!

11:30AM – **CHORAL REHEARINGS:** (Practice Rooms and Black Box, Orchestra/Chorus Room)

11:30AM – Session 1: Schools within a 1.5 hour drive

12:00PM – Session 2: Schools within a 3 hour drive

12:30PM – Session 3: Schools further than a 3 hour drive

1:00PM – **CHORAL REMEDIAL SESSION** – MPAC

1:30PM-2:15PM --- **GENERAL MEETING** – MPAC All Students and Directors/Supervisors

1:30PM-9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality/Information – **Directors Room** .

### Rehearsals:

2:15PM-5:00PM --- **Chorus** – Auditorium

2:15PM-5:00PM – **Jazz Ensemble** – Chorus Room

2:15PM-6:00PM --- **Band** – Band Room

2:15PM-6:00PM --- **Orchestra** – Library

2:45PM-3:30PM --- **String Re-Auditions** – Library

### Dinner – Cafeteria (all groups)

5:00PM-5:45PM --- **Chorus**

5:00PM-5:45PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

**Ensemble**

6:00PM-6:45PM --- **Band**

6:00PM-6:45PM --- **Orchestra**

### Evening Rehearsals

5:45PM-8:30PM --- **Chorus** – Auditorium

5:45PM-8:30PM --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Chorus Rm

6:45PM-8:30PM --- **Band** – Band Room

6:45PM-8:30PM --- **Orchestra** – Library

6:15-7:00PM - Professional Dev.Mtg./Round Table-TBD

7:15PM-8:30PM --- Directors Forum – **TBD**

### **8:30PM – Housing Meeting for ALL STUDENTS – MPAC**

Housed students load buses to hotel from MPAC... bus assignment provided.

Commuter students depart MPAC.

9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality – **The Inn at Middletown**

**10:30PM --- Curfew**

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8:30AM – Hotel students load buses @ hotels. Grab n Go breakfasts available at Middletown High School.

8:30AM – Commuter students arrive – Report to **Auditorium**

**Breakfast** – Cafeteria (**Grab n Go**) (all Hotel students only)

8:00AM-9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality and Information – **Directors Room**

### Morning Rehearsals:

9:15AM-11:30AM --- **Chorus** – Auditorium

9:15AM-11:30AM --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Chorus Rm

9:15AM-12:30PM --- **Band** – Band Room

9:15AM-12:00PM --- **Orchestra** – Library

9:30AM --- NEMFA Past Presidents Mtg. – **MIDI Lab**

10:30AM --- NEMFA Executive Board – **Black Box**

**Lunch** -- **Small Gym** (all groups) 1

11:30AM-12:00PM-**Chorus1**

11:30AM-12:00PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

12:00No-12:30PM –**Chorus2**

12:00No-12:30PM --- **Orchestra**

12:30PM-1:00PM --- **Band**

### Afternoon Rehearsals:

12:00No-6:00PM --- **Chorus** – Auditorium

12:00No-5:00PM --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Chorus Rm

12:30PM-5:00PM --- **Orchestra** – Library

1:00No-6:00PM --- **Band** – Band Room

2:30PM --- **NEMFA Annual Meeting** – **Black Box**

### Dinner – Cafeteria (all groups)

5:00PM-5:45PM --- **Orchestra**

5:00PM-5:45PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

6:00PM-6:45PM --- **Chorus**

6:00PM-6:45PM --- **Band**

5:00PM-6:30PM --- NEMFA Directors' Reception – **TBD**

5:30PM – 6:30PM – SOLOIST students move to **Auditorium** for Solo rehearsals.

**7:00PM – 8:30PM – STUDENT CONCERT at MPAC – MPAC - Auditorium.** Concert featuring **SOLOISTS** and **JAZZ ENSEMBLE** for all students. 1 Director from each school must sign up for a 30 minute chaperone shift for the concert.

8:30PM – **CONCERT ENDS.** Load buses to hotels. Commuters leave via MPAC

10:15PM --- Directors Hospitality – **The Inn at Middletown**

**10:45PM - Curfew**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

#### CHORUS SCHEDULE:

8:00AM – Chorus members load buses from hotel wearing concert attire; breakfast provided.

8:00AM – Commuter students report to **MPAC.**

9:00AM-11:00AM – Chorus rehearses in **Library.**

11:00AM-11:45AM – Chorus Lunch in **Cafeteria.**

12:00PM-1:00PM – Chorus Dress Rehearsal in **Auditorium.**

1:00PM-2:00PM – Chorus Line-up in **Cafeteria.**

House opens at 1:30PM.

Concert #1 begins at 2:00PM in **MPAC Auditorium.**

#### BAND/ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE:

8:30AM – Band/Orchestra members load buses from hotel wearing concert attire; breakfast provided.

8:30AM – Commuter students report to **MPAC.**

9:00AM-10:15AM – **Orchestra Dress Rehearsal in Auditorium.**

9:00AM-10:15AM – **Band rehearsal in Band Room.**

10:30AM-11:45AM – **Band Dress Rehearsal in Auditorium.**

10:30AM-11:45AM – **Orchestra rehearsal in Band Room.**

11:45AM-12:30PM – **Band and Orchestra Lunch in Cafeteria.**

12:30PM-2:00PM – **Orchestra to Library – May be able to watch concert via live feed.**

12:30PM-2:00PM – **Band to Band Room – May be able to watch concert via live feed.**

3:00PM-3:30PM – **Warm Up Orchestra, Orchestra line-up**

3:30PM-4:00PM – **Warm Up Band, Band line-up**

House opens at 3:00PM.

Concert #2 begins at 3:30PM in **MPAC Auditorium**