



# North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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January 7, 2012

Dear NJSMA Director:

The rehearsal and concert schedule is as follows-

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|----------|----|-----|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| January  | 26 | THU | Rehearsal             | Kinnelon HS | 4:00-9:00 PM    |
| February | 1  | WED | Rehearsal             | Kinnelon HS | 4:00-9:00 PM    |
| February | 2  | THU | Rehearsal - SNOW DATE | Kinnelon HS | 4:00-9:00 PM    |
| February | 7  | TUE | Rehearsal             | Kinnelon HS | 4:00-9:00 PM    |
| February | 9  | THU | Rehearsal             | Chatham HS  | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM |
| February | 11 | SAT | Rehearsal             | Secaucus HS | 10:00 AM        |
| February | 11 | SAT | Concert               | Secaucus HS | 4:00 PM         |

The snow date is required if the 1/26 or 2/1 rehearsal is cancelled for any reason. Also, please remind your students to bring their choir robe to the all-day rehearsal on 2/9 for the picture (and of course, to the concert).

All teachers are invited to our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **WINTER WORKSHOP** (MLK Day In-Service) on January 16, 2012, 9am-3pm, at Kinnelon High School. The workshop will focus on music technology – particularly music technology in the performance classroom, featuring hands-on instruction using Sibelius and SmartMusic. The registration form can be found on the [www.NJSMA.com](http://www.NJSMA.com) website.

NJSMA members are invited to the annual **general membership meeting** on April 30, 2012, at 6pm. We will discuss next year and honor those who have assisted in this year's activities. If you have suggestions for conductors, etc., please let me know anytime!

On that note, there are a number of people that should be thanked. It takes many people to coordinate all of our activities. A big **THANK YOU** to these people:

- Festival Coordinator – Viraj Lal (Newark Academy)
- Festival Hosts – Matt Swiss (Randolph) – Steve Bell (Teaneck)
- Barbara Klemp (Chatham) – Shawn Michael Condon (Ramsey)
- Audition Chair – Michelle Digaetano (Bloomfield)
- Women's Director – Dr. Lisa Graham (Wellesley)
- Mixed Director – Steven Bell (Teaneck)
- Women's Co-Manager –
- Mixed Manager – Jessica Pomeroy (Hackettstown)
- Michael Semancik (Morris Knolls)
- Mixed Accompanist – Argine Safari (Pascack Hills)
- Anna D'Achille (Morris Hills)
- Women's Accompanist – Jim Millar (Tenafly)
- Choir Concert Host – Lyle Leeson (Secaucus)

We will accept **one check** (made payable to *NJSMA*) for participation and music fees for all of your students. Students will not be able to pay individually. **The fees combine to a total of \$25 per accepted student.** Please mail to the address below or bring your check to the first rehearsal. Payment is due by **Thursday, January 26.**

Thank you for your help in making this year's auditions and honor choirs a success! Please contact me at [scondon@njsma.com](mailto:scondon@njsma.com) if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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← email this address when a student will be absent from any rehearsal

## **Directions to Kinnelon High School:**

**Kinnelon High School  
121 Kinnelon Road  
Kinnelon, NJ 07405  
973-838-5500**

Take Route 287 to Exit 52B (Route 23 North). Proceed approximately three miles on Route 23 North to the jughandle for Kinnelon Road/Kiel Avenue (right lane exit). At end of the ramp at the traffic light, turn left and cross over Route 23 (You are now on Kinnelon Road). Continue on Kinnelon Road for approximately 1.5 miles. Kinnelon High School is on your left.

## **Directions to Chatham High School will be emailed to you!**

## **Directions to Secaucus High School:**

**Secaucus High School  
11 Millridge Rd  
Secaucus, NJ  
201-974-2031**

Coming from Route 17 to Route 3 East:

Route 3 East to Secaucus. When crossing the Hackensack River Bridge (just after Giant's Stadium), be sure to get over to the right hand lane. Immediately after the Shell Station will be the "Secaucus/NJ Turnpike Exit." You will exit here and proceed to the Sunoco Station. Make a right at the Sunoco Station and stay in the right lane. Go up to the traffic light, always staying in the right hand lane. At this light, you will make another right and remain in the right hand lane.

Just past the next traffic light there will be an Citgo Station. Bear right at the Citgo Station. You are on Paterson Plank Road. This will take you over Route 3 and heading north. You will pass three (3) traffic lights (travel .7 mile) and come to a slight fork in the road with a house in the middle of the fork. There is a sign for a U-turn on this corner. Yield right here and you are now on Farm Rd. You will only be on this road for .1 mile; take the 2nd right onto Meadow Lane. Travel for .4 mile until you come close to a Stop Sign. Note that you will be passing the exit gate of the High School. After passing the Stop Sign, proceed .1 mile until you come to the HS/MS entrance.

Coming from the NJ Turnpike North (Exit 16E), NJ Turnpike South (Exit 17) - You must be on the eastern extension of the Turnpike:

Get off Exit for Secaucus / Lincoln Tunnel. After paying toll, proceed to the Secaucus exit. Go to the end of this service road and stay in the left hand lane as you approach the traffic light. Make a left at the light. You are now on Paterson Plank Road. Take this through the center of town to the 4th traffic light.

Follow directions above from the Citgo Station.

\*After you enter the school gate, turn Left then make your first Right which will be the front of the school. The Arthur F. Couch Performing Arts Center will be directly ahead and students may be dropped here and buses may park at the end of the parking lot.