

# 2020 ECMEA

Senior High Instrumental Auditions  
Senior High Vocal Auditions  
NYSSSA Auditions

Sponsored by:  
**BAVPA Music Department**  
**450 Masten Avenue**  
**Buffalo, New York 14209**  
**816-4220**

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Education, Administration, and Music Faculty, we would like to welcome you to the Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts (BAVPA) and the 2020 ECMEA Senior High Solo Festival to be held on **Saturday, January 25th, 2020**.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns at **(716) 816-4220** or **JPitnell@buffaloschools.org**. We look forward to seeing you there and making it an enjoyable experience for both you and your students!

Musically yours,

Jaime L. Pitnell & Timothy Buckley  
ECMEA Senior High Solo Festival Co-Hosts

### AUDITION & FESTIVAL EMERGENCY CANCELLATION POLICY

Audition and Festival cancellation due to a weather emergency would be:

- posted on the ECMEA web site under Emergency Closing
- reported on WIVB.com (Channel 4)
- reported on WBEN.com (News Radio 930 AM)
- reported on WGRZ.com (Channel 2)





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### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### LOCATION

The festival will be held at Buffalo Academy for Visual and Performing Arts, located at 450 Masten Avenue, Buffalo, NY, 14209. The school phone number is **(716) 816-4220** and you can ask for either Mrs. Pitnell or Mr. Buckley. On the day of the festival, you may also contact **J. Pitnell** directly at **(516) 849-2918**.

#### PARKING AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Our parking lot is located off Michigan Avenue, which is parallel to Masten Avenue. You may either enter on the doors by the flagpole (in the parking lot) or the doors on E. Ferry, where buses will be parked. Since parking is limited, you may have to park on surrounding streets. (The other surrounding street is Woodlawn Avenue - please be aware this is a one way street.)

**Busses** - Please park on E. Ferry Street (on the school side).

*Please do not park in surrounding church parking lots. There are events taking place and those lots will be unavailable.*

*Please be sure to follow all parking signs and do not block driveways.  
You may be ticketed or towed.*

There will be an **INFORMATION TABLE** set up at both the Michigan Avenue entrance (Parking lot by the flat pole) and the Masten Avenue entrance. Maps of the school will also be posted and available at the information tables.





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### WARM-UP INFORMATION

The warm-up area will be located in the Auditorium/Mainstage. Please leave all coats and cases in the Auditorium. Personal items should be carried with you or left at home.

*The auditorium is the warm-up area for all instrumentalists and vocalists. Any playing or singing in the hallways will be prohibited so as not to disturb ongoing auditions.*

### INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS

NYSSMA rules will be observed:

- Solos must be taken from the **current NYSSMA manual**, vol. XXXII (effective July 1, 2018) **ONLY**
- Scales are required
- Sight-reading is required
- **No photocopies music is allowed, unless to facilitate a page turn**
- **An extra copy of the solo is required for the adjudicator**

Each student should report to your room chair and confirm solo information at the audition room at least 15 minutes before your scheduled audition time. It is recommended that students locate their room immediately upon arrival, after placing coats and cases in the warm-up area. They may then return for warm-ups in the Auditorium/Mainstage prior to performing.

**Instrumental SOLO CHANGES and any LABEL INFO CHANGES** must be approved in writing at the **ECMEA Headquarters - Room 225 (Library)**

**NOTE:** *Adjudication sheets must be obtained from assigned adjudication room and taken to the green pen area (Rm. 225-Library) before edits/solo changes are made.*





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**PERCUSSION** - The following percussion equipment will be available in audition rooms:

4 Ludwig Timpani

Marimba - Deagon (3.5 octaves)

Xylophone - Yamaha (3.5 octaves)

*Snare Drum students should bring their own drum and stand.*

*All percussion students must bring their own sticks and/or mallets.*

### RESULTS

Results for **INSTRUMENTAL** participants will be posted in the **Cafeteria**.

Please inform students that they should remain in the warm-up area or the Cafeteria unless they are heading to their audition or are looking for their room. *This will assist us in keep the audition areas quieter.*

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Food and Drinks will be available in the cafeteria.

**PLEASE KEEP ALL FOOD IN THE CAFETERIA.**

Please remind your students that the only place they should play is the warm-up rooms.

**THERE IS NO PLAYING ALLOWED IN THE HALLWAYS.**

Please help you students have a stress-free experience by providing their **registration numbers, audition room and time** for their performance prior to arrival at the festival.





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### IMPORTANT ROOM LOCATIONS

ECMEA Headquarters: Room 225 (LIBRARY)

Information Desks: Masten Avenue entrance and Parking Lot Entrance (flagpole)

Snacks & Instrumental Solo Results posting: Cafeteria

Faculty Coffee, Snacks and Meals: Room 180 (BLACK BOX THEATRE)

Sheet pick-up (Teachers ONLY): Room 225 (LIBRARY)

To report instrumental audition cancellations or problems - send the following information via email to Paul Furlong at [pfurlong@ecmea.org](mailto:pfurlong@ecmea.org).

To report vocal audition cancellations or problems - send the following information via email to Ann Mosner at [amosner@ecmea.org](mailto:amosner@ecmea.org).

Festival Name:  
Student Solo Chair Number:  
Student Name:  
Instrument:  
Scheduled Audition Time:  
Audition Room #:

Festival Name:  
Student Solo Chair Number:  
Student Name:  
Voice:  
Scheduled Audition Time:  
Audition Room #:

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [JPitnell@buffaloschools.org](mailto:JPitnell@buffaloschools.org) or [TBuckley@buffaloschools.org](mailto:TBuckley@buffaloschools.org) or call us at 816-4220.

See you there!





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### **Directions to BAVPA**

#### ***From the East:***

Via NY 33 West

Exit the Humboldt Pkwy exit. Turn Right on E. Ferry.

School is on the corner of Masten and E. Ferry.

#### ***From the North:***

Take Delaware Avenue (NY 384) South.

Left on W. Ferry

School is on the right side, just past Michigan Ave.

#### ***From I-190:***

Exit at Elm St.

Take Elm to Genesee St.

Right on Genesee, immediate left on Michigan.

Parking Lot entrance is on Michigan between Woodlawn and E. Ferry.

**PARKING:** (Student drop offs and equipment unloading should take place at the E. Ferry St. entrance. Security will only allow vehicles in the parking lot on a space available basis.)

The entrance to the parking lot is on Michigan Ave. between E. Ferry and Woodlawn.

Students may enter at the Michigan St. Entrance (near the flag pole).

Parking is also available on the surrounding streets of the school. (Please follow parking signs.)

Entrances on Masten Ave. and E. Ferry St. will be open.

For online mapping directions, our address is: 450 Masten Ave., Buffalo, NY 14209

