

2024 ECMEA Senior High Festival

Senior High Instrumental Auditions Senior High Vocal Auditions Vocal Jazz Auditions

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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 2023 ECMEA Senior High Solo Festival to be held on **Saturday, January 20th, 2024**.

Our aim is to make this festival an enjoyable experience for both you and your students. Please carefully review the enclosed general information and share pertinent details with students and parents.

In the event you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact us by phone at **(716) 816-4220** or via email at ahughes@buffaloschools.org. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Alex Hughes and Lauriann Stephan
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 website 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 the 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 Mr. Hughes or Ms. Stephan. On the day of the festival, you may also contact Mr. Hughes directly (call/text) at **(716) 574-7179**

PARKING/ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Our parking lot is located off Michigan Avenue, which is parallel to Masten Avenue. You may enter through the doors by the flagpole (parking lot) or the doors on East Ferry, where buses will be parked. Since parking is limited, you may have to park on surrounding streets. Please be aware that Woodlawn Avenue is a one-way street. Buses – please park on East Ferry Street (on the school side).

Please do not park in the 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 flagpole) and the Masten Avenue entrance. Maps of the school will also be posted and available on the information tables.

WARM-UPS

The warm-up area will be in the Auditorium for instrumentalists and the Gymnasium for vocalists. Please leave all coats and cases in your designated warm-up area. Personal items should be carried with you or left at home. *To prevent a disturbance of ongoing auditions, any playing or singing in the hallways will be prohibited.*



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INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS

NYSSMA rules will be observed:

- Solos must be taken from the current NYSSMA manual. The current manual is **Edition 33** (effective July 1, 2022)
- Scales are required
- Sight-reading is required
- **No photocopied music is allowed** (unless to facilitate a page turn)
- **An second published copy (piano part) of the solo is required for the adjudicator**

Each student should report to the room chair and confirm solo information at the audition room at least 10 minutes before the scheduled audition time. It is recommended that students locate their room immediately upon arrival, after placing coats and cases in the designated warm-up area. Students are free to return for warm-ups in the Auditorium or Gymnasium prior to performing.

Instrumental solo changes and any label info changes must be approved in writing at the **ECMEA Headquarters – Room 225 (Library).**

Percussion: The following percussion equipment will be available in audition rooms:

- 4 Yamaha Timpani
- Marimba – Deagon (3.5 Octave)
- Xylophone – Yamaha (3.5 Octave)

*Snare Drum students should bring their own drum and stand.
All percussion students must bring their own sticks and/or mallets.*

RESULTS

Scores WILL NOT be posted this year for instrumental or vocal solos.

However, we WILL have concessions available this year in the Middle School cafeteria.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be available in the Cafeteria. Please be reminded that there is no playing or singing practice/warm-ups allowed in the Cafeteria or surrounding hallways. The only place students should play or sing besides their audition room is in their designated warm-up area.



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IMPORTANT ROOM LOCATIONS

ECMEA Headquarters: Room 225 (LIBRARY)

Information Desks: Masten Avenue entrance and Parking Lot entrance (parking lot)

Faculty Coffee, Snacks and Meals: Room 180 (Black Box Theatre)

Score Sheet Pick-Up (Teachers Only): Please refer to ECMEA guidelines regarding sheets/results

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

To report instrumental audition cancellations or problems – send the following information via email to Marty Allen at mallen@ecmea.org

Festival Name:

Da Capo Registration Number:

Student Name:

Instrument:

Scheduled Audition Time:

Audition Room #:

To report vocal audition cancellations or problems – send the following information via email to Ann Mosner at amosner@ecmea.org

Festival Name:

Da Capo Registration Number:

Student Name:

Voice:

Scheduled Audition Time:

Audition Room #:



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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.

Turn Left on W. Ferry.

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

From I-190:

Exit at Elm Street.

Take Elm to Genesee Street.

Turn Right on Genesee, then turn left on Michigan Avenue.

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

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

The entrance to the parking lot is on Michigan Avenue between E. Ferry and Woodlawn. Students may enter at the Michigan Street entrance (near the flagpole).

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

Entrances on Masten Avenue and E. Ferry Street will be open.

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



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