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Music Educators of Bergen County, Inc. announces auditions for the 2022/2023 Bergen County High School Chorus and Band. The Bergen County Chorus and Band have consistently displayed a high standard of musical excellence and have been an important annual event for many of the county's outstanding student musicians.

Pandemic Statement: Our intention is to once again hold "in person" auditions and an "in person" festival that conforms to all national, state and local health guidelines. Specific procedures to accomplish this will be announced as we approach each event. The safety and health of all participants will be our primary concern while providing a meaningful experience for all involved.

2022/2023 Bergen County Band and Chorus Festival Staff:
Evan Cooper, Festival Coordinator

2022/2023 Bergen County Chorus

Elaine Thoman, Bergenfield HS, Conductor

Anna Lilikas, Glen Rock HS, Manager

Joseph Fritz, Westwood Reg. HS, Manager

Lynn Morneweck-Fuld, Mahwah HS, Audition Chair

2022/2023 Bergen County Band

Lauren Delesky, Nor. Valley Reg. HS-Dem., Cond

Joshua Jenkins, Ramsey HS, Manager

Amy Wilcox, Nor. Valley RHS-O.T., Audition Chair

Please be aware of our attendance policy for students who successfully audition for the ensembles. **No absences of any kind will be allowed for any reason. Any absence will result in immediate removal from the ensemble.** Please be sure to check your schedule before applying to avoid uncomfortable and unnecessary situations. As usual, the Band and Chorus Auditions will be held separately. Chorus Auditions will take place on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Band Auditions will be on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Both auditions will take place at Mahwah High School. Please check the Director and Student Audition information for submission deadlines.

Directors must complete and submit the online Director Application Form, and then print it out for signature. Students must complete and submit the online Student Application Form, and then print it out. The application endorsements must then be signed appropriately. Both the Director Application and the Student Applications accompanied by the appropriate audition fees should then be submitted to the Audition Chair by **Certified Mail** in one package. **Students should not submit applications online more than one time (for each audition).** Please have all pertinent information – voice part, instrument, director info, etc. – and a working printer connected to your computer before submitting application.

All audition applications must be sent by **CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.** Your receipt will be verification that applications have been received. Certified mail guarantees that the audition coordinator received applications. **By adhering to the above procedures, you, the audition chairs and the coordinator will avoid being placed in difficult situations.**

Students in your Music Department who wish to participate in both ensembles may do so. Students auditioning for both must be aware of the responsibilities and schedules of both ensembles. If a student chooses to audition for both ensembles and is selected for both, the student must participate fully in both ensembles. Failure to participate fully will result in the student being dropped from both groups. Please advise your students to apply/audition for the ensemble(s) best suited for them.

If you have any questions, you may contact:

Amy Wilcox (Band Auditions Chair) at 201-768-3200 ext. 24550 or wilcox@nvnnet.org

Lynn Morneweck-Fuld (Choral Auditions Chair) at 201-762-2300, ext. 7248 or lmorneweck@mahwah.k12.nj.us

Evan Cooper (Festival Co-Coordinator) at 201-906-5217 or cooperesc@gmail.com

Please download information and complete online forms as needed.