



44th Annual Elementary/Middle School Band and Orchestra Festival

Dear Director,

It's time for the MEBCI Elementary/Middle School Band and Orchestra Festival! This annual event has been running for 44 years, making it one of the longest running festivals sponsored by MEBCI. The goal of this festival is to create a non-competitive environment where your instrumental students have the opportunity to hear other groups from similar schools within the county while getting feedback from a highly qualified adjudicator.

This year's festival is being held Wednesday, June 5, 2023 at Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan and on Thursday, June 6, 2023 (location TBA). The festival will be hosted by Coordinators Miranda Inglese and Andre Baruch. The fee for each participating ensemble will be \$75, which covers the cost of an adjudicator and plaques. All participating directors must be members of MEBCI; if you have not yet joined for the 2023-2024 school year, you must also submit \$10 for MEBCI membership. If you have more than one group performing, please photocopy and submit a separate registration form for each participating group. **The deadline for application submission is Friday, May 10th. Payment and school purchase orders must be received by May 24th.**

The festival will begin at 9:30AM and should end by 12:30PM. When your application is received, you will get confirmation on which day your group will be performing. Once we have the final number of participating ensembles, you will receive a more specific timeline for the festival day. Each group is limited to 20 minutes in the warm-up area and 20 minutes of performance time with a maximum of four musical selections. You will receive a letter after May 10th explaining the arrival procedures, equipment available for use, a final schedule for the festival, and other useful information.

If you wish to attend the festival, please complete the enclosed form and send with payment (checks made payable to MEBCI) to the address listed below. Payment may be sent separately but must be received by the May 24th deadline. Should you have any additional questions and concerns, please contact me through email or phone with the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,

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**Music Educators of Bergen County, Inc.
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Application Due by May 10th

Registration checks/school purchase orders must be received by May 24th.

Please provide the information as you want it to appear in the program and the name of the performing group as it is to appear on the plaque. **PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.**

Name of Performing Group _____

Name of School _____

Address _____

School Phone Number (And Extension) _____

Email Address _____

Name of Director _____

Number of Students Performing _____ Grade Level(s) _____

I have enclosed the fee of \$75.00

I have enclosed an additional \$10.00 for MEBCI dues _____

I have enclosed an additional \$_____ for _____ extra plaque(s) at \$30.00 each for the following groups:

(Print name as to appear on plaque below)

ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MEBCI" Total Enclosed: _____

Selections to be performed

There is a limit of four selections and 20 minutes of total stage time. *If you have not decided upon program selections, please indicate "TBA" and the festival coordinators will get in touch with you after May 10th.*

TITLE COMPOSER/ARRANGER

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