



*The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Elementary/Middle School Band & Orchestra Festival*

Dear Director,

It's time for the MEBCI Elementary/Middle School Band and Orchestra Festival! This annual event has been running for 45 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 4<sup>th</sup>** (Location TBD) and on **Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Bergenfield High School**. Joseph Gibbs will be acting as the Festival Coordinator. The fee for each participating ensemble will be **\$75**, which covers the cost of an adjudicator and the plaques. All participating directors must be members of MEBCI; if you have not yet joined for the 2024-2025 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 9<sup>th</sup>**. Payment and school purchase orders must be received by **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

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 on the week of May 12<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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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.**

<b>Name of Performing Group</b>	
<b>Name of School</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>School Phone Number (with Extension)</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Name of Director</b>	
<b>Number of Students Performing</b>	
<b>Preferred Performance Date</b>	

Please mark below:

- ☐ I have enclosed the participation fee of \$75.00.
- ☐ I have enclosed additional \$10.00 for MEBCI dues.
- ☐ I have enclosed an additional \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ extra plaque(s) for each of the following groups:

<b>Additional Performing Group(s)</b> (Print name as to appear on plaque.)	
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**ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO “MEBCI”** | Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Selections**

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 10<sup>th</sup>.

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>COMPOSER/ARRANGER</b>
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