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Dear NCMEA Guitar Educators,

I'm happy to announce that on March 27th, 2026, the NCMEA Guitar Committee will partner with Appalachian State University GuitarFest to offer the first ever NCMEA Music Performance Adjudication (MPA). This event will take place in the Broyhill Music Center on App State's campus in Boone, NC and participation is open to any North Carolina guitar ensemble. Group registration of \$250 (per group) will include the MPA plus access to all other GuitarFest events (including the evening concert) on March 27, 2026.

The NCMEA Guitar Committee would like to invite any director with NCMEA membership to participate in this event, and we offer flexible performance requirements for participation. Ensembles of 25 students or less are asked to perform at least two pieces of contrasting style with a total stage time of no more than 15 minutes. We offer no limitations in regards to graded level, style of music or ensemble type (steel string or classical). This year's event WILL NOT include a sight-reading assessment, and groups that wish to participate for "comments only" are welcome.

The goal of the NCMEA Guitar Committee is to offer an inclusive and diverse event to allow each group to showcase their unique group. We aim to build the NC guitar education community and hope that this event will provide a positive experience for students and directors, strengthening the guitar education network in the state of North Carolina.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any other NCMEA Guitar Committee member for more information.

Respectfully,
Dr. Adam Kossler