

<p>Montana All-State Music Festival October 16-17, 2025</p>

Dear Student Musician,

Congratulations! You have been selected as a member of the 2025 Montana All-State Band, All-State Orchestra or All-State Choir. Your selection is the result of your hard work, your talent, and the help of your music teacher. It represents the highest honor bestowed upon music students by the Montana High School Association.

You have achieved the first step in becoming an All-State musician, but there are many more steps in your journey. Hopefully this letter will guide you in the right direction.

Do Now:

- **With the help of your director, fill out and return the Acceptance Affidavit (your director will have this form).**
- **Read the student conduct code for MHSA events, and follow the guidelines therein.**
- **Make sure you have the correct music in your folder.**

Do in the near future:

- **Familiarize yourself with the photo and recording options in your folder. Universal Athletics will also be selling All-State apparel on-site. More information from them will be forwarded to your directors when it comes available.**
- **Tickets for family members and friends for the Friday night concert will be \$15, and will be available at the Mansfield Theater Box Office, and also on their website: <https://ticketing.greatfallsmt.net/> Tickets will be available on Aug 20 at 11 am. There is also a great concert on Thursday night featuring the *Pipeline Vocal Project* that you will get to attend for free.**

Do Consistently and Methodically:

Practice your music! You will have an audition on Wednesday, Oct. 15th to check your preparedness on your part. All-State Musicians are expected to arrive with the rhythms, notes, and styles learned, and vocalists need to have words memorized. Do not wait until the last week before coming to All-State to look at your music—it is a disservice to your guest conductors, the All-State Festival, your home school and music program, and most of all, a disservice to yourself. We expect the very best from you, because you are the best.

Your conductors and literature will be:

- **Band: Dr. Stephen Bolstad, James Madison University (retired)**

National Anthem, Entry March of the Boyars, Only Light, Funiculi, Caribana Afterparty

- **Choir: Dr. Richrad Sparks, University of North Texas (retired)**

Laetus Sum, Serenity, Summer Song, My Heart Be Brave, Thillanish, Daniel, Daniel Servant of the Lord

- **Orchestra: John Gennaro Devlin, Wheeling Symphony Orchestra**

Overture to La Forza del Destino, Baiao n Blues, Berceuse and Finale from Firebird Suite

We here in Great Falls look forward to hosting you and making your All-State experience one which you will cherish throughout your life.

Sincerely,

Dusty Molyneaux, Chair
2025 MHSA All-State Festival