



WSMA MIDDLE LEVEL STATE HONORS MUSIC PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE WSMA MIDDLE LEVEL STATE HONORS MUSIC PROJECT?

The Wisconsin State Honors Music Project offers talented youth the opportunity to rehearse and perform with nationally known conductors in a professional setting. All Honors groups perform as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Middle Level State Honors students audition in April, receive notice of acceptance in June, and their music in August. Students meet for the first time the day before their fall performance in October. The rehearsal day and formal concert will take place in the Madison area. The music should be rehearsed independently, and with a school music teacher or private lesson teacher.

ELIGIBILITY

Students in grades 6, 7, 8 (at the time of the audition) from the WSMA-member schools are eligible to audition for the Middle Level State Honors Music Project. Students must be a regular member of the school's corresponding music ensemble during the audition. Students selected for Honors membership must also be a member of their corresponding school music group during the fall Honors performance. In addition, students must be able to attend the October rehearsals and concerts..

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Audition requirements can be printed from our website at www.wsmamusic.org/ml-honors/auditions/requirements and must be followed carefully. Students should be prepared to perform any part or all of their solo during the audition. Instrumental scales must be memorized according to the articulation/bowing patterns found on the audition requirements. In addition, all students will be asked to sight read a short excerpt of music. With safety of students in mind, WSMA will not hold in-person auditions this year. Video auditions will be accepted beginning April 1. The deadline to submit a video audition is Friday, April 16 at 4:30pm. No late audition videos will be accepted. Your teacher will help with the recording and submission process.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All WSMA State Honors Audition applications will be completed online by your child's music teacher. **Fill out the [google form](#) and turn in a check for the audition to your child's HMS Music Director(s) by Friday, Jan. 29th, 2021 in order to meet the registration deadline!** More detailed audition information on the Middle Level Honors Project: www.wsmamusic.org/ml-honors/auditions

COST

Each student audition is **\$23.00**. **Please make checks out to WSMA**. The audition fee is non-refundable. Tuition for students invited to the October event is **TBD**. In past years, the cost has been **\$225.00**, which included all meals, music, lodging, travel from rehearsal spaces to hotel, a WSMA Middle Level State Honors t-shirt, and a downloadable recording of the entire concert performance. Many schools and music boosters offer tuition assistance locally. A limited number of tuition assistance grants are also available through contributions from the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music (WFSM) and WSMA.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

All students are given equal opportunity for Honors membership. During the audition scheduling process, each student is assigned an audition number. Only their audition number identifies students to the judge and the Honors Selection Committee. No names or schools are given to the audition judge or Honors Selection Committee. In addition, there is absolutely no geographic, gender, race, age or quota system of any kind used in the Wisconsin State Honors Music Project.

WHO ARE THE CONDUCTORS?

Dr. Arris Golden, 2021 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Band Conductor

Dr. Gary Packwood, 2021 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Choir Conductor

Dr. Rebecca MacLeod, 2021 WSMA Middle Level State Honors Orchestra Conductor

PLEASE NOTE:

IF you are chosen to be a part of the WSMA Middle Level Honors Band, Choir, or Orchestra, the **registration fee is TBD**. In past years, it has been **\$225.00**. The Middle Levels Honors event takes place Oct. 29-30, with the **format** (in-person or virtual) **TBD**. **Both the registration fee and transportation to the event are the responsibility of the student.** You will be informed of the results of your audition by the end of May 2020.