

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 (continued)

LUNCH served in **Unity Hall & Dining Room** at **First Unitarian Church**, 90 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608:

10:50AM-11:45AM – Chorus Lunch
11:45AM-12:30PM – Orchestra Lunch
12:30PM-1:15PM --- Band Lunch

11:45AM-12:40PM --- All students are in concert dress. (Band and Orchestra) Dressing rooms/Green rooms are located in Mechanics Hall. Band Luggage/Instruments may be stored in **Room 2A**, Orchestra Luggage and Instruments may be stored in **Boyden Salon**. Chorus members Luggage may be stored in **Washburn Hall**. The **Great Hall** must be cleared of all personal belongings by 2:00PM.

11:30AM-1:30PM --- Conductors and Managers Lunch in Worcester TBA.

1:30PM --- Concert Tickets Lobby, Mechanics Hall
Pick-Up Reserved Tickets
Purchase Tickets

2:00PM --- Concert Hall Doors Open, Mechanics Hall

2:30PM-5:00PM --- CONCERT, Mechanics Hall –
ORCHESTRA—BAND--- CHORUS

2:30PM – 3:00PM – ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE
3:25PM – 3:55PM – BAND PERFORMANCE
4:20PM – 4:50PM - CHORUS PERFORMANCE

(Performing groups may attend the concert in the balcony, if space allows.)

5:00PM --- Students leave with their families and pick up luggage in **2nd and 3rd Floor Storage Rooms or Washburn Hall** for their return home. Dinner is on your own. A list of restaurants in the area is included in information packet.

New England Music Festival

The Boxboro Regency - Boxborough, Massachusetts 01719

STUDENT AGREEMENT FORM

By applying for acceptance in the New England Music Festival, you agreed to follow the rules and regulations of personal conduct. Please remember that the hosts of this music festival are not only responsible for your safety and well-being, but also for upholding the wishes of your parents, teachers, school principals, and many supporters who have an interest in your participation.

THE FIVE MAIN RULES:

1. POSSESSION AND/OR USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS, OTHER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY A DOCTOR, ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN.

2. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL SCHEDULED DAILY REHEARSALS AND PERFORMANCES UNLESS YOU ARE ILL. IT IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO BE AWARE OF THE DAILY SCHEDULE, AND TO BE ON TIME.

3. CURFEWS WILL BE SET FOR EACH EVENING, AND THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

4. ABUSE, DEFACEMENT, OR THEFT OF ANY PROPERTY OR FACILITY IS PROHIBITED.

5. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COOPERATE WITH THE CONDUCTORS, FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSONS, HOST FAMILIES AND FESTIVAL STAFF AT ALL TIMES.

Infractions of these rules may result in immediate dismissal from this Festival. In case of such dismissal, your school and parents will be notified, and you will then return home at your own expense with no refund of any payments. **THESE RULES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. A STUDENT WHO FEELS STRONGLY THAT HE/SHE CANNOT OBSERVE THESE RULES WHILE AT THE CONCERT FESTIVAL IS ADVISED NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.**

REGULATIONS/PROCEDURES/POLICIES:

HOUSING - Housing is organized at the Festival Hotel, The Boxborough Regency, Boxborough, MA and at the Headquarters Hotel, the Westford Regency, Westford, MA. Questions regarding rooming assignments should be directed to the Host Housing Chair or the Festival Director at the Festival Hotel.

REGISTRATION / ORIENTATION - Upon arrival at the Festival, your chaperone will check in at the Registration Table to receive your rooming assignment and other information. After registration, you will attend a general orientation meeting.

MOTOR VEHICLES - You may not rent, borrow, or drive a motor vehicle of any sort while participating in the Festival. You may NOT be a passenger in any motor vehicle, except that of your chaperone, their designated driver, or the festival bus transportation. This includes your independent time as indicated in the daily schedule.

SMOKING / VAPING - There is to be no smoking or vaping at any time during this festival.

MEDICAL INFORMATION - You must fill out the appropriate medical form. Please bring with you any medicine that you need to take regularly, and give the information about that medicine to the Dean of Students and Host Medical Designee. A medical person is in attendance at all rehearsals and performances, and a physician is on call at all times. Should you require emergency medical attention, the Host Chairpersons will make the necessary arrangements for you.

PHOTOGRAPHS / RECORDINGS - Rehearsals and performances may be photographed, reproduced, and/or recorded on film, compact disc, or other media and may be displayed and/or disseminated for educational and archival purposes directly related to the New England Music Festival Association, Inc.

NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

97th Annual CONCERT FESTIVAL **March 21-23, 2024**



***Festival Handbook* rev. 2/28/2024**

Rehearsals: The Boxboro Regency
Boxborough, Massachusetts

Concert: Mechanics Hall
Worcester, Massachusetts

Welcome to the 97th Annual New England Music Festival!

On behalf of the New England Music Festival Association, Inc. we wish to welcome you to the 2024 NEMFA Concert Festival. It is our hope that this Festival will provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your artistry and to create new friendships. We hope that your stay with us is a pleasant, musical and educational one. Please let us know if we can do anything to make you more comfortable while you're here. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to ask any Festival Staff Member.

Most of all enjoy the 2024 NEMFA Concert Festival!!

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Reynolds, NEMFA Concert Site Chairperson

rev. 3/2/2024

Important Phone Numbers

Mr. Thomas Reynolds, Host Chairperson's Office

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Mr. Steffen Parker, NEMFA Festival Director

Cell: (802) 343-6282

Festival Rehearsals & Hotel:

Boxboro Regency, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough, MA 01719,
(978) 263-8701

Headquarters Hotel:

Westford Regency, 219 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886
(978) 692-8200

Nashoba/Deaconess Hospital, Ayer, MA: (978) 784-9217

Festival Rules

Attendance at all Festival functions is required.

Please-Absolutely NO SMOKING / VAPING during the Festival.

Your name badge is your festival identification. Please wear it at all times. See your Ensemble Manager if it is lost.

You will need your name badge to obtain all meals.

The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is forbidden and will result in immediate dismissal from the Festival.

Students are not allowed to drive during the Festival. Parents, Directors/Supervisors, or Designated Buses are the only means of transporting students to and from all Festival events.

You are expected to be in your rooms at your designated hotel with lights out at the time of curfew.

Please report to all rehearsals on time; be polite, respectful and cooperative with others.

Make sure that your valuables are secured in the designated locations.

If you have a problem or question, see the Festival Director.

Rehearsal/Concerts Schedule

97th NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL, March 21-23, 2024
THE BOXBORO REGENCY, Boxborough, Massachusetts

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

10:45AM - 1:45PM - Student and Director/Supervisor Arrival: ---
Main Lobby, Boxboro Regency.

Parking: -- Boxboro Regency parking lot, Boxborough

DO NOT WANDER ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS!!!

Directors/Supervisors ONLY – Main Lobby,
Boxboro Regency

All students:

1. **BAND:** drop-off instruments/luggage – **Courtyard**
2. **CHORUS:** - **Parade Room.**
3. **ORCHESTRA:** drop-off instruments/luggage – **Colonial Rm**
4. **JAZZ ENSEMBLE:** drop-off instruments/luggage – **Cotillion Room**

11:00am – **CHORAL REHEARINGS:** (Cotillion Room, Directors Room, Seminar Room)

- 11:00am – Session 1: Schools within a 1.5 hour drive
- 11:30am – Session 2: Schools within a 3 hour drive
- 12:00No – Session 3: Schools further than a 3 hour drive

12:30pm – **CHORAL REMEDIAL SESSION** – Seminar Room

1:00pm - 9:30pm **Side Hallway**, T-shirt Sales, Concert Ticket Sales, CD Sales

1:00PM-1:45PM --- **GENERAL MEETING** – Parade Rm All Students and Directors/Supervisors

1:45PM-9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality/Information – **Directors Room**

Rehearsals:

1:45PM-5:00PM --- **Chorus** – Parade Room
1:45PM-5:00PM --- **Band** – Courtyard
1:45PM-5:00PM --- **Orchestra** – Ballroom
1:45PM-5:00PM – **Jazz Ensemble** – Cotillion Room
2:30PM-3:30PM --- **String Re-Auditions** – Colonial Rm

Dinner – Parade Room (all groups)

5:00PM-6:00PM --- **Chorus**
5:00PM-6:00PM --- **Band**
5:00PM-6:00PM --- **Orchestra**
5:00PM-6:00PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

Evening Rehearsals

6:00PM-9:00PM --- **Chorus** – Parade Room
6:00PM-9:00PM --- **Band** – Courtyard
6:00PM-9:00PM --- **Orchestra** – Ballroom
6:00PM-9:00PM --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Cotillion Rm

6:15-7:00PM - Professional Dev.Mtg./Round Table-Seminar Rm

7:00PM-8:30PM --- Directors Forum – Seminar Room

9:05PM – Housing Meeting for ALL STUDENTS – Parade Room

9:15PM - All students from the following CT communities will board buses for their rooms at the Westford Regency: **E.O. Smith HS, East Lyme HS, Ellington HS, Glastonbury HS, Lyme-Old Lyme HS, and South Windsor HS.** NEMFA students from all other schools not listed above will be staying at the Boxboro Regency. Students will be given keys in the various Ensemble Rooms and will go immediately to their rooms AFTER HOUSING MEETING.

9:30PM --- Directors Hospitality – Westford Regency, Westford

10:30PM --- Curfew

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024

7:30AM – All students from the six CT Schools staying at the Westford Regency board buses to return to the Boxboro Regency

Breakfast – Parade Room (all groups)
8:00AM-8:45AM --- **Chorus**
8:00AM-8:45AM --- **Band**
8:00AM-8:45AM --- **Orchestra**
8:00AM-8:45AM – **Jazz Ensemble**

7:30AM-9:00PM --- **Side Hallway**, T-shirt Sales, Concert Ticket Sales, CD Sales,

8:00AM-9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality and Information – **Directors Room**

Morning Rehearsals:

9:00AM-12:00No --- **Chorus** – Parade Room
9:00AM-12:00No --- **Band** – Courtyard
9:00AM-12:00No --- **Orchestra** – Ballroom
9:00AM-12:00No --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Cotillion Rm

9:00AM --- NEMFA Past Presidents Mtg. – Seminar Room

10:30AM --- NEMFA Executive Board – Seminar Room

Lunch -- Parade Room (all groups)
12:00No-1:00PM --- **Chorus**
12:00No-1:00PM --- **Band**
12:00No-1:00PM --- **Orchestra**
12:00No-1:00PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

Afternoon Rehearsals:

1:00PM-4:30PM --- **Chorus** – Parade Room
1:00PM-4:30PM --- **Band** – Courtyard
1:00PM-4:30PM --- **Orchestra** – Ballroom
1:00PM-4:30PM --- **Jazz Ensemble** – Cotillion Rm

2:30PM --- **NEMFA Annual Meeting** – Seminar Room

Dinner – Parade Room (all groups)

4:30PM-6:30PM --- **Chorus**
4:30PM-6:30PM --- **Band**
4:30PM-6:30PM --- **Orchestra**
4:30PM-6:30PM – **Jazz Ensemble**

4:30PM-5:30PM --- NEMFA Directors' Reception – **Colonial Room, Boxboro Regency**

5:30PM – 6:30PM – SOLOIST students move to **Ballroom** for Solo rehearsals.

7:00PM – 9:30PM – STUDENT CONCERT at HOTEL – Parade Room. Concert featuring SOLOISTS and **JAZZ ENSEMBLE** for all students followed by a performance by "The Abletones" Jazz Ensemble. 1 Director from each school must sign up for a 30 minute chaperone shift for the concert.

9:30PM – **CONCERT ENDS.** All Students staying in **Boxboro** will go immediately to their rooms. All students from the 6 CT schools of **E.O. Smith HS, East Lyme HS, Ellington HS, Glastonbury HS, Lyme-Old Lyme HS, and South Windsor HS** will board buses for their rooms at the Westford Regency.

10:15PM --- Directors Hospitality – Westford Regency

10:45PM - Curfew

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

6:30AM – All students from the six CT Schools staying at the Westford Regency board buses to return to the Boxboro on bus. Check out of Rooms... bring all things to Boxboro on bus.

Breakfast – Parade Room (all groups)
7:00AM-7:45AM --- **Chorus**
7:00AM-7:45AM --- **Band**
7:00AM-7:45AM --- **Orchestra**
7:00AM-7:45AM – **Jazz Ensemble**

7:45AM – All students staying in Boxboro check out of Rooms.

Morning Rehearsals:
8:00AM – **Chorus, Band** and **Orchestra** students board **Shuttle Buses** in Concert Dress.

9:00AM --- **Chorus, Band** and **Orchestra** students unload buses and bring their things up to the **Great Hall** in **Mechanics Hall**. Eventually, **Band** students will sit in balcony for dress rehearsal. **Orchestra** will sit in balcony. Students will grab their luggage from truck and place in designated areas: Luggage, etc. may be secured in **Boyden Salon** for **Orchestra, Floor 2A Storage** for **Band**, and **Washburn Hall** for **Chorus**.

Dress Rehearsals Location: **Mechanics Hall**, Worcester, Massachusetts **PERCUSSIONISTS: PLEASE ASSIST IN SET UP OF EQUIPMENT.**

9:30AM – 10:45AM – **CHORUS DRESS REHEARSAL**

11:00AM – 12:15PM - **BAND DRESS REHEARSAL**

12:40PM – 1:55PM - **ORCHESTRA DRESS REHEARSAL**