



# NEMFA-New Member FAQs



**What is the NEMFA Festival Association?** The New England Music Festival Association, a diverse community of music educators from public and private schools, youth ensembles, private studios and parents, is dedicated to offering high school musicians from across New England the opportunity to pursue musical excellence through solo and ensemble festivals and Concert festivals and instill in each student a lifelong interest in music as a basic human experience.

## Who can be a member of NEMFA?

Any public or private school teacher, private lesson teacher, or parent can be a member of NEMFA and sponsor students to audition in the Solo and Ensemble Festival. A yearly membership fee is required to keep your membership current.



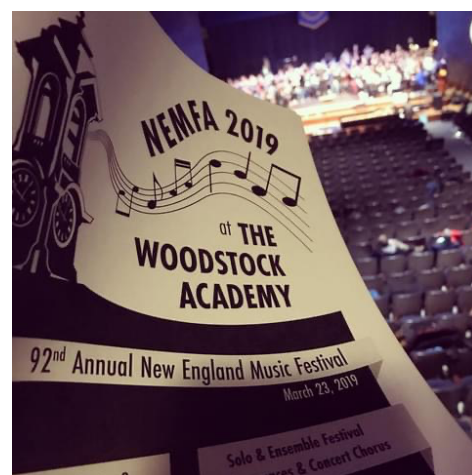
## What is the difference between the Solo and Ensemble PERFORMANCE ADJUDICATION Festival and the Concert Festival?



### SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE ADJUDICATION FESTIVAL

Students will prepare and perform a selection from the required repertoire list. Students then perform for their adjudicator and receive feedback and a score. Repertoire may be performed with live or recorded accompaniment or may be performed alone. Students who perform accompanied are responsible for hiring their own pianist and/or bringing a music device to play the accompaniment recording. Students earning the highest scores for each instrument or voice parts are invited to participate in the Concert Festival held in March of that school year. If a student does not wish to be considered for the Concert Festival, they may perform any selection of their choice and receive comments only from the adjudicator.

**CONCERT FESTIVAL:** Top scoring students from each adjudication site are invited to participate in the NEMFA Concert Festival. Students from around New England will gather at the host site and rehearse/perform with NEMFA band, chorus, orchestra, or jazz band. Each ensemble will rehearse for 2 days and perform a concert on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.



## When is the S & E Performance Adjudication Festival?

Performance adjudications are held on the first and second Saturday in December at two separate sites-Northern (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday) and Southern (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday). You may attend either audition location.

## What repertoire do my students perform for the performance adjudication?

Listed on the main page of the NEMFA.org website, you will see a tab that says *Solo/Ensemble Festival*. After clicking here, you will see a tab that says *Repertoire Lists*. Click there and you will find the required musical selections categorized by instrument/voice. To be considered for the Concert Festival, your student MUST perform a selection from this list. However, if your student does not wish to be considered for the Concert Festival, they may perform any piece of their choosing, however, students are encouraged to choose a genre like that of required repertoire. These students will receive comments only, no score. Please note, students MUST PERFORM FROM ORIGINAL COPIES of their solo and bring an additional photocopy for their adjudicator. Photocopies will be kept and destroyed after each audition. Students who do not bring originals to their audition, will not be eligible for the Concert Festival. Students who perform from memory, still must provide an original copy for the adjudicator.



## Is there a cost to do a performance adjudication?

Yes. The cost per student is \$20.

## What can my student expect at the

**performance adjudications?** NEMFA prides itself on creating a truly wonderful audition experience for each student. Students will enter the assigned room at designated time. Performers may choose to invite their teacher, parent or another student to their audition as an audience member. After the student has performed, the adjudicator will work with the student, offering constructive feedback.



**Are accompanists provided?** NEMFA does not provide accompanists, but you are welcome to bring your own. Performers bringing accompanists must indicate this on their registration form.

## When will I know if my students are accepted to the NEMFA

**Concert Festival?** Approximately one week after the final set of auditions in the southern region, sponsors will be sent a link to share student scores and adjudicator comments. There will be a brief window of time for sponsors to verify scores and make sure that each auditioning student has received a score and comments. Once the short window has closed, sponsors will receive notification of those students being invited to participate in the concert festival.

## How do I let NEMFA know if my student is participating?

Once the ensembles have been chosen and the sponsors notified, each student will be tasked with accepting or declining their participation in the festival using an online link. They will also have health forms to fill out for the festival and should complete these at the same time. Please do your absolute best to let the festival know as soon as possible if your student is accepting or declining their position within the festival. If a student declines an invitation in a timely manner, the festival can invite an alternate student to participate. Additionally, housing, meal, and other logistical work cannot be completed until students have finished the festival registration process.



**Where is the concert festival held?** The Concert Festival is held in different locations around New England each year.



**Is there a cost to participate in the festival?** Yes. The cost is approximately \$300 per student but does vary year to year. The price to participate in the festival is dependent upon the cost of housing, food, etc. at the host site.

**Does NEMFA provide housing for my students?** Yes. Each student that lives further than a 30-minute drive from the rehearsal spaces will receive housing through the festival. Students are housed in hotels with 4 to a room.

**Who will my student's room with at the festival?** NEMFA tries to put students from the same school together in hotel room assignments. When this is not possible, students will be placed in a room with other students attending the festival. Most hotels rooms host 4 students with two large beds.



**Does NEMFA provide food for my students at the festival?** Yes. All meals are provided for the students while at the Concert Festival with exception to lunch on the day they arrive. Lunch on this day must be provided by their directors or packed by students at home.



**Is there an entrance fee to the concerts?** Yes. Host schools determine the concert entrance fee based on facility costs each year.