

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

Dress Rehearsals Location:
Keene High School Auditorium

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 15-30 MINUTES PRIOR TO REHEARSAL TIME.

PERCUSSIONISTS: PLEASE ASSIST IN SET UP OF EQUIPMENT.

8:00AM - 12:00PM --- Directors Hospitality - Room 603

ARRIVAL TIMES:

8:15AM Chorus
9:30AM Orchestra
11:00AM Band

NOTE: Band --- Arrive dressed in concert attire

All Students: Place belongings in the Large Gymnasium under the first initial of YOUR LAST NAME.

****DRESS REHEARSALS****

**** 8:30AM - 9:45AM** --- Chorus

****10:00AM - 11:15AM** --- Orchestra

****11:30AM - 12:45PM** --- Band

10:00AM - 11:15PM --- Chorus Rehearsal Large Gym

11:15AM - 12:15PM --- Orchestra Rehearsal Library

LUNCH

11:15AM - 1:30PM --- Conductors Lunch TBA

12:00 - 12:45 CHORUS

12:45 - 1:30 BAND & ORCHESTRA

12:15PM - 1:30PM --- Chorus & Orchestra change into concert dress

NOTE: The Auditorium must be cleared of all personal belongings by 1:00PM.

12:30PM --- Concert Tickets Auditorium Lobby

Pick-Up Reserved Tickets - Purchase Tickets

1:30PM --- Auditorium Doors Open

1:30PM --- Band - Warm-up Small Gym

1:30PM --- Chorus - Report to Large Gym

2:00PM --- Orchestra - Warm-up Library

++2:00PM - 3:45PM --- Concert #1 - BAND--ORCHESTRA

3:45PM --- Concert #1 completed. Concert Hall is cleared and reset for Chorus.

3:45PM --- Chorus - Warm-up Small Gym

4:00PM --- Auditorium Doors Open

++4:30PM - 5:15PM --- Concert #2 - CHORUS

5:15PM --- Concert #2 is completed. Students leave with their families. Any students staying behind until Sunday morning should meet Mr. Martin for instructions for evening housing. A list of restaurants in the Keene area is included in information packet.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015

8:00AM - 9:00AM --- Hosts drop-off remaining students at Main Entrance for transportation home. Festival completed!

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 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, DEFAACEMENT, 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 with host families by the Festival Committee. Questions regarding rooming assignments should be directed to the Host Chairpersons first at school or later at the headquarters hotel, Best Western Sovereign, Keene, NH.

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 - There is to be no smoking 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 Host Chairpersons or 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.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT ALLOWED

NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

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

88th Annual CONCERT FESTIVAL

March 19-21, 2015

Student Handbook

Host and Concert Site: Keene High School



Keene, New Hampshire

Welcome to the 88th Annual New England Music Festival!

On behalf of Keene High School, NH School Advisory Unit #29 and the New England Music Festival Association, Inc. we wish to welcome you to the 2015 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 2015 NEMFA Concert Festival!!

Sincerely, Thomas R. Martin, Eric E. Anderson
Keene High School,
NEMFA Concert Site Co-Chairs

Important Phone Numbers

Thomas R. Martin, Host Co-chair (603) 352-0640 x3603

Eric E. Anderson, Host Co-chair (603) 352-0640 x3602

Keene High School Fax Number: (603) 352-1512

Festival Headquarters: Best Western Plus Sovereign Hotel

401 Winchester Street Keene, NH 03431 Tel. (603) 357-3038

Hospital: Dartmouth Hitchcock-Keene Medical Center

580 Court St, Keene, NH 03431 Keene, NH: (603) 352-5400

FESTIVAL RULES

Attendance at all Festival functions is required.
Please, Absolutely **NO SMOKING** 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 tickets from the Mt. Anthony Union High School Food Service.

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

Students are not allowed to drive during the Festival. Host Parents, 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 host family's home 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 your ensemble manager, a Dean, or either Co-Chairperson.

Rehearsals/Concerts Schedule
88th NEW ENGLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL,
March 19-21, 2015
KEENE HIGH SCHOOL
Keene, New Hampshire

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015

BUSES AND CARS/VANS DROP OFF:

Keene High School West Entrance(see map)
ALL VEHICLES MUST EXIT CAMPUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DROPPING OFF DIRECTORS, STUDENTS, LUGGAGE and INSTRUMENTS. Please follow directions to parking.

ALL STUDENTS place luggage in the Large Gymnasium under the first initial of your host last name.

Musicians should drop off their instruments/folders in their respective rehearsal spaces:

BAND: Small Gymnasium (upstairs)

ORCHESTRA: Library

CHORUS - Auditorium - vocalists report to the stage for vocal rehearing room assignments

Students please remain in your practice areas until the general meeting.

IMPORTANT - DO NOT WANDER ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS!!!

10:00AM-12:45PM --- Vocal Rehearings

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 Cont'd

10:00AM-12:45PM --- Registration
Directors and Supervisors ONLY - West Lobby

12:30pm - 9:30PM Auditorium Lobby, T-shirts, Concert Tickets, CDs, and Souvenir Historical Books will be on sale.

+1:00PM - Passing Time - ALL STUDENTS/DIRECTORS:
Report to Auditorium for general meeting.

1:15PM - 1:45PM --- **General Meeting** - Auditorium
All Students and Directors/Supervisors

1:45PM - 9:00PM --- Directors Hospitality - Room 603

1:45PM - 2:00PM - Passing Time - Performers report to rehearsal areas

AFTERNOON REHEARSALS:

2:00PM - 5:00PM -- **Band** - Small Gymnasium

2:00PM - 5:45PM -- **Chorus** -- Auditorium

2:00PM - 5:30PM -- **Orchestra** -- Library

2:00PM - 3:30PM --- String Re-Auditions -- TBA

DINNER - Cafeteria

5:00PM - 6:15PM --- **Band & Orchestra**

5:45PM - 7:00PM --- **Chorus**

EVENING REHEARSALS:

6:15PM - 9:15PM --- **Band** - Gymnasium

7:00PM - 9:15PM --- **Chorus** - Auditorium

7:00PM - 9:00PM --- **Orchestra** -- Library

7:00PM - 8:30PM String Repertoire Forum - Room 602,
(Band Room)

8:30PM - 9:15PM --- Host Family Meeting -- Cafeteria

9:15PM - 9:30PM --- **All students:**

Report to Gymnasium and pick up luggage where you will meet and leave with host families.

Host families will stand under the FIRST LETTER of THEIR HOST FAMILY LAST NAME, posted on the wall.

Large instruments may be secured in the High School Band Room.

9:30PM --- Directors Hospitality -- Best Western Sovereign Hotel, Keene

11:00PM --- Curfew

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015

NOTE: TODAY IS A TEACHERS' WORKSHOP DAY.
PLEASE DO NOT WANDER ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OF DESIGNATED AREAS!!!

PLEASE PARK in designated Parking areas.

8:30AM - 5:00PM --- Auditorium Lobby, T-shirt Sales, Concert Ticket Sales, CD Sales, Souvenir Historical Book Sales

8:00AM - 5:00PM --- Directors Hospitality - Room 603

Morning Rehearsals:

8:30AM --- **Chorus** -- Auditorium

8:30AM --- **Band** -- Gymnasium

8:30AM --- **Orchestra** -- Library

10:00AM --- **Cheshire Center Conference Room**
NEMFA Executive Board Meeting

11:00AM - 12:30PM --- **TBA** -
A Guide to the New NEMFA Website -

LUNCH - Cafeteria

12:30PM - 1:30PM --- **Band & Orchestra**

1:00PM - 2:00PM --- **Chorus**

Afternoon Rehearsals:

1:30PM - 5:00PM --- **Band** - Gymnasium

2:00PM - 5:00PM --- **Chorus** - Auditorium

2:00PM - 4:45PM --- **Orchestra** -- Library

2:30PM --- **Room 602 (Band Room)**
NEMFA Annual All-Member Meeting

5:00PM - All Students: Report to the Large Gymnasium to meet with Host Families for dinner and the night.

Large instruments may be secured in the High School Band Room.

6:00PM - Directors Reception - Best Western Sovereign Hotel, Keene, NH

9:30PM --- **Directors Hospitality -- Best Western Sovereign Hotel, Keene, NH**

11:00PM Curfew