

IOWA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

November 16, 17, 18, 2023
IOWA STATE CENTER - AMES, IOWA

October - 2023

TO: MEMBER SCHOOLS REGISTERED FOR 2023 ALL-STATE AUDITIONS
RE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FESTIVAL

There is information directors must consider as they make preparations for this event. Decisions must be made, and pre-planning must occur **prior to audition day**. We have included the materials required should your school be successful on audition day. **DO NOT DISCARD!!**

The registration fee for ALL students accepted into the All-State Festival is **\$32.00**. This fee covers the cost of the Friday noon meal, transportation, medal, certificate, and bumper stickers.

MEALS

The registration fee covers the cost of the Friday lunch meal for ALL All-State students. Students will eat a catered meal at Hilton Coliseum on the concourse level. The student's name badge will be their admittance for the Friday noon meal. There are no restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the Iowa State Center. Options to consider are:

- ❖ **Eat on site** – Meals are catered and served on the concourse of Hilton Coliseum. All meal plan requests **must be received in the IHSMA office by November 7**. Email the enclosed “Meal Ticket Request Form” to cassie@ihsma.org. **Requests received after November 7 will not be accepted**. Payment is preferred at the time the order is placed but can be sent later. Meal stickers/tickets will be included in your registration packet. On-site plans include:
 - **Four-Meal Plan**. The four-meal plan includes breakfast and dinner on Friday (lunch is already provided for participants), and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The cost is **\$49.00**.
 - **Two-Meal Breakfast Plan**. The two-meal breakfast plan includes breakfast on Friday and Saturday. The cost is **\$21.00**.
 - **Friday Lunch for Directors**. The cost of this meal is **\$13.00**.
 - **Friday Dinner**. The cost of this meal is **\$14.00**.
 - **Saturday Lunch**. The cost of this meal is **\$14.00**.
 - **Saturday Dinner** meal from the IHSMA, which will permit plan holders to dinner on Saturday before the concert. This plan includes pizza and water or pop served in C.Y. Stephens Auditorium. The cost for this one meal is **\$10.30**.

*If there are special dietary needs for those participating in the meal plan options, please contact Thad Driskell, IHSMA Executive Director, at thad@ihsma.org with those requests. Include the student's name, school, and what the specific dietary request is.

- ❖ **Go on your own**. There are a multitude of fast-food establishments in Campus Town, approximately 5-6 blocks west of the Iowa State Center. Those with transportation may wish to choose this option. Please note:
 1. There is an ISU football game this year on Saturday (game time to be determined); leaving and re-entering the Iowa State Center facility may be very difficult.
 2. **Having food delivered to the Iowa State Center is NOT an option**. Our contract with the Iowa State Center does not allow for food from outside vendors to be brought onto the premises. **The concourse of Hilton Coliseum is reserved for ONLY those students and directors who have purchased meal plans.**

Some hotels have an adjoining or nearby restaurant, while other hotels have no dining facilities. Breakfast arrangements should be taken into consideration when selecting your possible hotel assignment and based on your access to transportation.

THURSDAY EVENING - ISU will permit students to purchase a Thursday evening meal by paying at the door of Seasons Marketplace (Maple-Willow-Larch Commons). The meal cost is \$15.00 and will consist of the usual variety menu offered by the University. Payment is by credit card only. Cash is not accepted. Seasons Marketplace is open from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.

COMMUTERS

The decision to stay in Ames utilizing one of the hotels assigned or to commute to the festival is one that schools located near Ames must make. As you are considering that decision, please understand that the weather in late November can be tenuous at best and that it is an expectation that students be present for ALL rehearsals regardless of weather concerns. Should you choose to commute, please be prepared to make alternate arrangements should the weather not permit your travel to and from the festival.

HOUSING

This year's festival will employ 14 properties located at various distances from the Iowa State Center.

A worksheet for submitting your Housing request is included with this mailing. **Schools who fill out this worksheet FIRST and then login to the IHSMA website experience the greatest success.** We do not need your school's Tax I.D. number or tax-exempt certificate, as schools are required to pay both the 7% Motel Tax and the 5% State Excise Tax. **IMPORTANT:** Complete and submit the Housing Form **online**. This form will be available online Monday, October 23rd at 5:00 pm. Your request **MUST** be submitted online no later than Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, or we will not be able to guarantee your rooms. Please be sure to use a stable internet connection when completing your request. **Cell phone connections are not a good choice!!!** If you do not prioritize all 14 properties, you will be assigned lodging after all other housing forms have been processed.

All-State Housing Request – Online Instructions

1. Login to Festival Central on the IHSMA website –
 - a. <http://www.ihsma.org>, then select --> LOGIN
2. Select --> School Options
3. Select --> All-State
4. From the side menu select --> Housing
5. 3 options will appear – Instructions, Registration, and Assignments
6. Read the instructions, and then select Registration
7. Follow the onscreen prompts

Cautions/additional instructions:

1. There are 14 hotel properties; you **MUST** rank them 1-14, and each one must have a ranking before you can submit your request. The system is designed to not accept a partial ranking.
2. When filling out your rooming list, you will find that each room has spots for up to 5 students per room, and those spots have "Student Name 1" (through 5) denoting where you should input your student's name. **Please delete what's there** in the text box and replace it with your student's (or a director's) name. **Please also delete the name place holders for any unused slots** in each room.
3. **Please place "(Director)" beside each director's name** on the list, so that the hotel property will know who oversees your rooming block should they need to contact someone.
4. There are 4 (5 if you are sharing with another school) major sections to this process. Make sure you complete each section by selecting the "submit" button at the bottom of the section. You will need to use the scroll bar(s) located on the right side of the screen to navigate down through these sections.
5. You will not be able to make changes online once you have made your initial submission. Any changes to your request after that point will need to be made by the IHSMA Office. Please email Thad (thad@ihsma.org) with those changes.

Assignments: Your hotel assignments will be posted online Tuesday, October 31. Please do not call asking for them prior to that time – you will only slow down the process. The assignments can be found online by following the above instructions and then selecting "Assignments" when you reach Step 5.

The Gateway Hotel, Quality Inn & Suites, and Radisson Hotel Ames have restaurants in their facilities. The AmericInn, Best Western Plus University Park, Comfort Inn & Suites, Country Inn & Suites, Hampton Inn &

Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Microtel Inn & Suites, SpringHill Suites, and TownPlace Suites do not have restaurants. Contact information for each of these properties can be found at: <https://discoverames.com/stay/>.

TRANSPORTATION

Many schools choose to use their own transportation between the hotels and the Iowa State Center. There is ample parking in the immediate area of the Iowa State Center. Transportation arrangements have been made with Central Iowa Transportation (CIT) to transport students from the hotels to the Iowa State Center and back should you choose to use it. Complete the GREEN sheet if you wish to use this option. Return it to the IHSMA by **November 7**.

NOTE: Iowa State University has a home football game on Saturday, November 18. Depending upon game time, **this may cause parking concerns on Saturday**. More information will be forthcoming once we have an established game time. **PLAN AHEAD!!**

PRE-PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

It would serve as an advantage to the IHSMA staff and speed-up registration in Ames significantly if schools would pre-pay their registration fees for the All-State Festival. Calculate your registration fees and meal costs (if any) and send a check in the appropriate amount by **November 7**. That said, receiving your forms and information is **MOST** important. If payment is not possible by November 7, at least scan and send your forms to IHSMA on or before November 7. Email them to cassie@ihsma.org.

ALTERNATES

Alternates may be selected to fill positions in the All-State Band, Chorus, or Orchestra as late as Tuesday, November 7. After that date, alternates will not be used for any wind/percussion/string/choral vacancy which occurs. Because of limited lodging and confusion with the transportation, meal, and registration procedures, schools are **not** encouraged to bring alternates or additional students to the All-State Festival.

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

Due to issues at previous years' festivals, it has become necessary to implement the following:

1. No banners or signs will be allowed in the audience. Any signs or banners found will be confiscated.
2. Seating: Tickets will no longer be available in the sections wrapping around the band and the orchestra. In previous years, there have been significant distractions that have taken place in those sections (audience members getting up or down, signs/banners, flash photography, etc.).
3. No flash photography is allowed.

Please advise your students and their parents accordingly. Thank you very much!

2023 All-State Music Festival Dining Menu

Friday, November 17

Breakfast (7:00 – 9:00 am)

- Egg Bake Casserole
- Egg Bake Casserole (no meat)
- Sausage Patties
- Assorted Donuts
- Milk, Orange Juice, & Coffee

Lunch (11:30 am – 1:30 pm)

- Grilled Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
- Black Bean Burgers
- Bakery Fresh Buns
- Relish Trays
- Cut Veggies with Ranch
- Chips
- Applesauce
- Cookies
- Water & Flavor Packets

Dinner (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

- Grilled Chicken
- Meatballs
- Penne Pasta with Marinara Sauce
- Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce
- Green Beans
- Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings
- Breadsticks
- Mandarin Oranges
- Assorted Brownies
- Water & Flavor Packets

Saturday, November 18

Breakfast (7:00 – 9:00 am)

- Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon
- Pancakes with Syrup
- Milk, Orange Juice, & Coffee

Lunch (11:30 am – 1:30 pm)

- Taco Bar (Soft Shells/Doritos & Beef/Chicken)
- White Cheddar Mac'n'Cheese Bar
- Toppings Bar (cheese, tomatoes, onion, bacon bits, lettuce, black olives, sour cream, & salsa)
- Fresh Mixed Fruit
- Vegetable Trays
- Oreo Fluff
- Water & Flavor Packets

Dinner (5:00 – 6:30 pm)

- Assorted Pizza
- Pop & Water

Iowa High School Music Association
ALL-STATE FESTIVAL HOUSING REGULATIONS

November 16, 17, 18, 2023

Hotel Reservation Application Process:

Hotel reservation applications should be completed online **after** 5:00 PM on October 23rd. Directors are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. All housing requests **MUST** be made online by Wednesday, October 25th at the latest. Your application will be accepted **ONLY IF YOU FOLLOW ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES.**

Hotel assignments will be based upon the date and time the application is submitted online. ***Do not telephone for reservations.***

Hotels will send confirmation indicating the number of rooms and dates of the reservation to the person listed as the confirmation contact on the All-State Housing online form.

If more than one school is having their students share rooms, include all the information on ONE Housing Blank and have the charges billed to only ONE school.

If you would like hotel charges to be billed and mailed to your school, please indicate this on the All-State Housing online form. Hotels in the Ames community charge a 7% hotel/motel tax from which schools are NOT exempt. In addition, schools are not exempt from paying the 5% Iowa State Excise Tax. For more information see: tax.iowa.gov/iowa-tax-fee-descriptions-and-rates#hm .

For the Festival:

Have a copy of your rooming list with you when you arrive at the hotel.

Directors/chaperones should make checkout arrangements beginning early Saturday morning. If charges are being billed directly to your school, you need only to sign the bill and turn in your keys.

Schools/students/directors need to be alerted that many hotel properties have automatic phone systems, and the rooms will be billed for accumulated charges. Schools must recognize that **all** incidental charges assessed to assigned rooms, e.g., meals, services, telephone, etc., will be included in the final billing and are a responsibility of the school.

Directors certainly need to accept responsibility for their own participants. **We do expect you to make bed checks on all your students.** We expect your support in ensuring the welfare of your own students.

Students must stay in the housing block provided unless staying at home and commuting.

Below you will find a copy of the housing rules and regulations established by the Iowa High School Music Association that will govern your students' stay during the festival. Because this festival brings together students from over 150 different schools, each with their own set of rules and expectations, it is necessary that we have a set of uniform regulations that will govern your students' stay while in Ames. These regulations are in place to ensure that your students are well rested and ready to engage for each rehearsal. Please read these rules and regulations and understand that they will be strictly enforced. Failure to adhere to any of these regulations may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the festival. **IMPORTANT: Understand also that a high school director or chaperone has no authority to grant exceptions to these rules and regulations.**

HOUSING RULES/REGULATIONS

1. There shall be no playing of instruments or singing from 11:00 PM. to 8:30 AM.
2. Participants may meet only in rooms assigned to them by their director. If this rule is violated, all parties involved will be dismissed from the All-State Festival.
3. Students are not to congregate in rooms other than those billed to their own school.
4. Students **must** be in their rooms no later than **11:00 PM** each night. **Lights out and no noise after 11:30 PM.** All students must remain in their rooms until 6:30 AM.

2023 All-State Music Festival Hotel Price List

AmericInn	\$225.00 – 2 bed suite \$225.00 – 1 bed suite \$180.00 – 2 beds \$199.00 – 1 bed	Free Breakfast, Pool
Best Western Plus - University Park Inn & Suites	\$154.00 – 2 beds \$154.00 – 1 bed	Complimentary Breakfast, Pool
Comfort Inn & Suites	\$210.00 – 2 beds \$210.00 – 1 bed	Free Hot Breakfast, Pool
Country Inn & Suites	\$135.00 – 1 bed suite \$130.00 – 2 beds \$130.00 – 1 bed	Free Hot Breakfast, Pool
EconoLodge	\$129.00 – 2 beds \$129.00 – 1 bed	Free Hot Breakfast, Pool
Fairfield Inn & Suites	\$169.00 – 2 beds \$169.00 – 1 bed	Free Buffet and Hot Breakfast, Pool
Gateway Hotel & Conference Center at Iowa State University	\$179.00 – 2 beds \$179.00 – 1 bed Thursday Rate: \$149.00	Restaurant, Pool
Hampton Inn & Suites	\$139.00 – 2 beds	Free Hot Breakfast, Pool
Holiday Inn Express & Suites	\$139.00 – 2 beds	Breakfast Buffet Included, Pool
Microtel Inn & Suites	\$159.00 – 1 bed suite \$159.00 – 2 beds \$159.00 – 1 bed	Free Breakfast
Quality Inn & Suites - Ames Conference Center	\$144.99 – 1 bed suite \$144.99 – 2 beds \$144.99 – 1 bed	Restaurant, Free Hot Breakfast, Pool
Radisson Hotel Ames Conference Center at Iowa State University	\$159.00 – 2 beds \$150.00 – 1 bed	Restaurant, Pool
SpringHill Suites	\$169.00 – 2 bed suite \$169.00 – 1 bed suite	Free Buffet and Hot Breakfast, Pool
TownePlace Suites	\$149.00 – 2 beds \$139.00 – 1 bed	Free Buffet and Hot Breakfast, Pool Quiet Hours start at 10 PM

Check out the *Discover Ames* website at <https://discoverames.com/stay/>
for more information on each property.

Attention - Informational Worksheet Only - Submit both front and back information online!
Housing Request Form available online October 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 10, BOONE, IA 50036

2023 ALL-STATE FESTIVAL HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

(Must be received online by Wednesday, October 25, 2023, or we will not be able to guarantee your rooms)

Our school requires housing Our school does NOT require housing Our school will be sharing with
(Name of school) _____

Indicate preference by numbering (1-14) on the provided lines. **Schools that do not indicate their preference for all 14 properties will be housed last.**

AmericInn Best Western Univ Park Comfort Inn & Suites Country Inn & Suites
 EconoLodge Fairfield Inn & Suites Gateway Hotel Hampton Inn & Suites
 Holiday Inn Express Microtel Inn & Suites Quality Inn & Suites Radisson Hotel Ames
 SpringHill Suites TownePlace Suites

Send confirmation to: Email _____
Name _____ Title _____
School _____ Address _____
City _____ ZIP _____ Phone () _____ Fax () _____
Business Manager Name _____ Bsns. Manager Email _____

Indicate the nights you need reservations with a checkmark:
 Wednesday, Nov 15 Thursday, Nov 16 Friday, Nov 17 Saturday, Nov 18

of one-bed rooms _____ # of two-bed rooms _____

Do you wish to have charges billed directly to the school? _____

Rooms with one or two students CANNOT be guaranteed a two-bed room.

Instructions: Do not telephone for reservations. Customers using Ames hotels must pay a 7% Motel Tax and a 5% State Excise Tax. Schools are not exempt from payment of these taxes. If you would like the hotel bill charged to your school, check the appropriate blank in the middle of this form. This will help checkout procedures. If the hotel of your choice is not available, you will be assigned to another hotel, in the order of preference you indicated online.

IMPORTANT: If two or more schools are having their students share rooms, those reservations must be included on a single form when submitted online to the IHSMA Office.

Attention - Informational Worksheet Only - Submit both front and back information ONLINE!!!

School _____

Please put "(Director)" or "(Chaperone)" beside each director or chaperone name.

List below persons who will be sharing a room, and indicate the type of room preferred.

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**77th ANNUAL IOWA ALL-STATE FESTIVAL CONCERT
HILTON COLISEUM, IOWA STATE CENTER, AMES, IOWA
NOVEMBER 18, 2023 – 7:30 P.M. (Awards – 7:15 P.M.)**

ALL SEATS RESERVED AT \$30.00 plus fees

TICKETMASTER

(Tickets on sale: October 24, 2023, at 10:00 A.M.)

TICKETMASTER ONLY ACCEPTS MASTERCARD, VISA, AMERICAN EXPRESS, OR DISCOVER

TO ORDER TICKETS ONLINE: www.ticketmaster.com

All tickets will be digital this year. During the purchasing process you will have the following delivery choices.

1. Print-at-Home delivery (printed on home printer via Ticketmaster account)
 2. Mobile (view tickets on your smart phone via your Ticketmaster account)
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GROUP RATE

A group rate of \$25.00 per ticket, plus fees, for 20 or more tickets sold to a single purchaser is available. This group rate will be available online at www.ticketmaster.com. Select your quantity from the group rate drop down area. Click the 'Buy' button once it appears to see all your seat locations and continue through the purchasing process. Note: All group rate tickets purchased online must be purchased in the same designated seating areas (Band, Chorus, Orchestra).

SPECIAL NEEDS

Special needs tickets (wheelchair, sight, hearing, difficulty with stairs) are available to purchase online at www.ticketmaster.com. Click the 'Request Accessible Seats' icon, and then answer the questions provided to purchase your tickets. (There is a limit of 4 special needs tickets per order.) Special need tickets may also be purchased from the Iowa State Ticket Office by phone at 888-478-2925 after 10:00 A.M., October 24, 2023. There is a limited amount of mobility impaired seating.

SEATING

All seating is reserved seating and assignments are based on the current floor plan for the 2023 All State Music Festival. If the IHSMA floor plan changes to provide additional COVID mitigation, seating locations may be adjusted.

ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL NEWS RELEASE

_____ of _____ High
(Student's Name) (School Name)
School has attained the highest individual honor available to Iowa high school musicians by
being selected as a member of the 2023 All-State _____ .
(Band, Chorus, Orchestra)

_____ is the _____ of
(Student's Name) (Son/Daughter/Child)

_____ of _____ and
(Parents' Names) (Parents' Address)

is a(n) _____ student of _____
(instrumental/vocal) (Director's Name)

The 2023 Festival will celebrate the 77th anniversary of this prestigious event. District Auditions for the 278-piece All-State Band, 214-piece All-State Orchestra, and 601-member All-State Chorus were held Saturday, October 21, 2023, at Le Mars, Hampton, Independence, Atlantic, Indianola, and Washington. Approximately 25% of the students who audition are selected for membership in the All-State ensembles. Participants will rehearse in Ames on Friday and Saturday, November 17 and 18, and the Festival Concert will be presented to the public at 7:30 P.M. in Hilton Coliseum, Iowa State University, Ames, on Saturday evening, November 18, 2023. Iowa PBS will record the concert for re-broadcast. Please check the Iowa PBS website (www.iowapbs.org) for the exact dates and times. This program is under the auspices of the Iowa High School Music Association and the Iowa Music Educators Association.

Tickets are \$30.00 each, plus fees, and all seats are reserved. Tickets may be obtained for the Iowa All-State Festival Concert by contacting **Ticketmaster** – Orders may be placed online (www.ticketmaster.com) and go on sale October 24, 2023, at 10:00 AM) Ticketmaster will charge a per-ticket convenience fee.

NOTE: If a picture is to be used, please contact:

_____ at _____
(Student's Name) (Phone Number)

or _____ at _____
(Student's Name) (Phone Number)

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PRESS RELEASE

77th ANNUAL ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16-18

Saturday, November 18, 2023, the Iowa High School Music Association, and Iowa Music Educators Association presents the 77th annual All-State Music Festival Concert. This concert features the All-State Orchestra, All-State Chorus, and All-State Band and will be presented in Hilton Coliseum, ISU, Ames, Iowa, beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Conductors for this year's festival include:

ALL-STATE BAND: Travis J. Cross serves as professor of music and director of bands at UCLA, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and leads the graduate wind conducting program. He chaired the music department from 2018–2023 and was associate dean for academic mentoring and opportunity during the initial years of the UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music. Cross has conducted the UCLA Wind Ensemble at the California All-State Music Education Conference and College Band Directors National Association Western/Northwestern Division conference and prepared the band for centenary performances of Leonard Bernstein's Mass with Gustavo Dudamel and the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Cross earned doctor and master of music degrees in conducting from Northwestern University and the bachelor of music degree *cum laude* in vocal and instrumental music education from St. Olaf College. His principal teachers were Mallory Thompson and Timothy Mahr. Prior to graduate study, he taught for four years at Edina (Minn.) High School, where he conducted two concert bands and led the marching band program.

ALL-STATE CHORUS: Ryan Beeken serves as Director of Choral Activities and Associate Director for the School of Music at Wichita State University where he conducts the Concert Chorale and Madrigal Singers, teaches graduate and undergraduate choral conducting and literature, and oversees the choral area. He received Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance and Bachelor of Music Education degrees from Drake University and Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts Degrees in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University. Prior to his appointment at WSU, Dr. Beeken served as director of choral studies at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and taught at Michigan State University. While residing in Des Moines, Iowa, Beeken directed the Drake Chorale at Drake University. He also taught elementary, middle school, and high school music for sixteen years, most recently serving as Director of Vocal Music for Waukee Schools in suburban Des Moines where he led a program of over 300 students and twelve ensembles to national distinction.

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA: Gary Lewis is the Director of Orchestral Studies and the Bob and Judy Charles Professor of Conducting in the College of Music at the University of Colorado Boulder, where he conducts the University Symphony Orchestra and oversees the entire orchestra program. He is also Music Director and Conductor of the Midland-Odessa (TX) Symphony Orchestra. Lewis is a Yamaha Master Educator. At CU Boulder, Lewis also leads the graduate program in orchestral conducting including both the masters and doctoral level. Prior to his appointment at Colorado, Lewis served on the faculties of Texas Tech University, The Ohio State University, The University of Michigan, and Abilene Christian University. He is equally at home with professional, university, and youth ensembles. He is the Principal Guest Conductor of the Boulder Philharmonic and has appeared with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra, the Sichuan Philharmonic Orchestra (Chengdu, China), the Colorado Music Festival, Boulder Ballet, Midland Ballet Theater, Ballet Lubbock, the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, the Quad Cities Symphony Orchestra, the New Symphony Orchestra (Sofia, Bulgaria) and the Western Plains Opera Theater. His work with summer music festivals has also been noteworthy including the Interlochen Center for the Arts, Pine Mountain Music Festival (opera and symphonic) and Rocky Ridge Music Center.

1,091 students will rehearse in Ames at the facilities of the Iowa State Center in preparation for the Finale Concert in Hilton Coliseum.

(Students from schools in your area were selected for participation. Contact your local director(s) for specific information.)

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SCHEDULE

Friday, November 17, 2023

OPEN REHEARSALS

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Chorus	C. Y. Stephens
8:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Band	Hilton Coliseum
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Orchestra (11:30 AM "America")	Scheman Building, Room 220-240
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chorus (1:00 PM "Battle Hymn")	C.Y. Stephens
1:15 PM	Chamber Orchestra	C.Y. Stephens
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Band	Hilton Coliseum
2:00 PM - 4:45 PM	Orchestra	Scheman Building, Room 220-240
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Chorus	C.Y. Stephens
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Band	Hilton Coliseum
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM	Orchestra	Scheman Building, Room 220-240

Saturday, November 18, 2023

OPEN REHEARSALS

8:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Orchestra	Scheman Building, Room 220-240
8:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Chorus	C.Y. Stephens
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Band	Hilton Coliseum

CLOSED REHEARSALS and PHOTOS

12:45 PM - 12:55 PM	Orchestra Group Photo	Hilton Coliseum
12:55 PM - 2:00 PM	Orchestra (closed rehearsal)	Hilton Coliseum
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Orchestra and Chorus (closed rehearsal)	Hilton Coliseum
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Chorus (closed rehearsal)	Hilton Coliseum
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Chorus Group Photo	Hilton Coliseum
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Chorus and Band (closed rehearsal)	Hilton Coliseum
4:00 PM - 5:07 PM	Band (closed rehearsal)	Hilton Coliseum
5:07 PM - 5:15 PM	Band Group Photo	Hilton Coliseum

IOWA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT

7:00 PM	All-State Musicians in the Arena (Performance Ready)	Hilton Coliseum
7:15 PM	Pre-Concert Awards Ceremony	Hilton Coliseum
7:30 PM	CONCERT	HILTON COLISEUM