

IOWA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

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IOWA STATE CENTER - AMES, IOWA

PRESS RELEASE

78th ANNUAL ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 21-23

Saturday, November 23, 2024, the Iowa High School Music Association and Iowa Music Educators Association presents the 78th annual All-State Music Festival Concert. This concert features the All-State Band, All-State Chorus, and All-State Orchestra and will be presented in Hilton Coliseum, ISU, Ames, Iowa, beginning at 7:30 PM.

Conductors for this year's festival include:

ALL-STATE BAND: **Dr. Rebecca Phillips** is Professor of Music and Director of Bands at Colorado State University where she conducts the CSU Wind Symphony and guides all aspects of the band and graduate wind conducting programs. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Associate Director of Bands and Director of Athletic Bands at the University of South Carolina where she was responsible for directing the Symphonic Winds Concert Band, "The Mighty Sound of the Southeast" Carolina Marching Band, "Concocktion" Pep Bands, teaching undergraduate instrumental conducting, and directing the Carolina Summer Drum Major Clinic.

ALL-STATE CHORUS: **Dr. Jeffery L. Ames** serves as Director of Choral Activities and Full Professor at Belmont University. As a choral clinician, Dr. Ames has conducted collegiate, senior, and junior high school mixed, and male choirs at national, regional, and state conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Education. He has performed and guest conducted internationally in the countries of Australia, Costa Rica, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Estonia, South Korea, the Republic of Ghana, Austria, the United Kingdom, and Luxembourg.

ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA: **Kayoko Dan** serves as the Music Director of the Chattanooga Symphony & Opera, position held since 2011. Previously, she served as Assistant Conductor of the Phoenix Symphony and Music Director of Central Kentucky Youth Orchestras. She has been awarded the Karajan Fellowship for Young Conductors, as well as the David Effron Conducting Fellowship at the Chautauqua Institute. Ms. Dan has participated in numerous workshops including the Kurt Masur Conducting Seminar, International Bartok Festival, Fondazione I Pomeriggi Musicali Conducting Workshop and National Conducting Institute.

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.)