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IOWA ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL
November 20–22, 2025
Iowa State Center – Ames, Iowa

79th Annual All-State Music Festival Scheduled for November 20–22

The **Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA)** and the **Iowa Music Educators Association (IMEA)** will present the **79th Annual All-State Music Festival Concert** on **Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.** in **Hilton Coliseum**, Iowa State University, Ames.

This concert will feature the **All-State Band, All-State Orchestra, and All-State Chorus**, showcasing 1,098 of Iowa’s most accomplished high school musicians selected through statewide auditions held October 25. These students represent approximately the top 17% of those who auditioned.

Festival Conductors

All-State Band – Dr. Scott Lubaroff

Professor of Music and Director of Bands, University of Central Florida
Dr. Lubaroff leads the UCF Wind Ensemble and oversees all facets of UCF’s bands program, including the 425-member Marching Knights. Under his direction, the Wind Ensemble has twice been featured at the College Band Directors National Association Southern Division Conference (2020, 2026) and is preparing its third commercial recording. He is an active advocate for new compositions, collaborations with contemporary composers, and the development of young conductors.

All-State Chorus – Dr. Nicole C. Lamartine

Director of Choirs, Central Washington University
Dr. Lamartine (“Dr. La”) is widely recognized for her innovative leadership in choral artistry and education. She conducts the CWU Chamber Choir and Vox Divina and teaches conducting, voice, and choral pedagogy. Her ensembles have performed at the 2024 Northwest ACDA and Washington Music Educators conferences and premiered numerous new works. A sought-after clinician and conductor, she has led international and All-State choirs across the U.S. and abroad, focusing her research on rehearsal technique and conductor movement.

All-State Orchestra – Dr. Luis Viquez

Director of Orchestral Studies, University of Rhode Island

Music Director, Chamber Orchestra of Barrington at St. John's

A Latin Grammy–nominated and American Prize-winning conductor, Dr. Viquez is recognized as one of Central America's leading musical voices. His vibrant conducting career spans orchestral, wind, and operatic repertoire, with collaborations throughout the U.S., Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, and England. He has held leadership positions with the University of South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and numerous professional ensembles and continues to earn acclaim for his dynamic artistry.

About the Festival

All participants will rehearse in Ames at the Iowa State Center November 20–22 in preparation for the festival concert. Students from across Iowa were selected for participation; local schools can provide details about area student representatives.

Tickets are **\$30.00 each, plus fees**, and all seats are reserved. Tickets are available through **Ticketmaster** or via the **Iowa State Center Box Office**. The Festival Concert will be recorded and broadcast statewide by **Iowa PBS**. Broadcast dates and times will be announced on the Iowa PBS website at www.iowapbs.org.