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Elmira High School to Host Zone 15 Senior High Area All-State Festival

ELMIRA, NY, November 15, 2017 - On November 17 and 18, some 305 of the area's top music students will converge on Elmira High School for a two day music festival, culminating in a concert on Saturday, November 18 at 2 PM. The students, representing 39 school districts from Allegany, Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, and Yates counties, will work diligently together at EHS for the 2017 New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Area All-State Festival. The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade musicians will begin demanding rehearsals as members of the band, string orchestra, mixed choir and Treble Chorus will rehearse for approximately 12 hours before performing in a concert open to the public.

This year the Concert Band will be under the direction of Mr. Benjamin Rochford, associate director of bands from Ithaca College; the Mixed Choir will be under the direction of Mr. Shawn Hebert from the Fayetteville-Manlius High School district; the Treble Chorus will be under the direction of Sky Harris from the Liverpool Central School District; and the String Orchestra will be under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Merten from Syosset High School.

Students are selected for an Area All-State ensemble through an application process that begins in September. Applications include a solo audition rating sheet from the previous school year and music teacher recommendations. Students are then selected through established criteria and are notified of their acceptance in early October.

The music faculty and support staff at Elmira High School in the Elmira City School District have been actively preparing for this festival since May of 2016, and are excited and honored to be able to host, and show off their fantastic facilities.

The concert will begin at 2:00 pm in the Elmira High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$4.00 each and can be purchased at the door. Tickets can be order presale from Kimberly Henry, festival host, at kihenry@elmiracityschools.com. We invite you to join us for an outstanding concert presented to you by the area's finest student musicians!

ABOUT THE ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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