

Eastern Region Solo & Small Ensemble MPA

Durham School of the Arts - Durham

Thursday, October 29, 2026

Price Music Center, NC State University - Raleigh

Saturday, November 14, 2026

This year, I am excited to announce that we will have two separate sites and days for Solo & Ensemble! I am hopeful that we will increase participation by offering two different locations and days of the week.

By encouraging your students to start the year with chamber music, you create a solid musical foundation for your students and encourage strong leadership skills within your ensembles. It is also a great opportunity for soloists auditioning for Eastern Region Orchestra to get feedback on the audition solo. The Eastern Region Solo and Small Ensemble MPA is a venue for **well-rehearsed** students to receive comments from experienced adjudicators.

Please submit an application for each solo or ensemble. Fees are noted within this form. **Deadline for postmarked applications is Friday, October 16.** Please send the fees and application by the stated deadline to ensure that your students are eligible to participate. **Late applications are not guaranteed a performance time.** The following information highlights the rules and regulations of this event:

NCMEA Eastern Region Solo and Small Ensemble MPA Guidelines

1. All participating directors must be current members of NAFME and must show their NAFME card at registration. (Current at the time of registration and of the event.) Please remember your card; without it, your students will be unable to participate in Solo and Ensemble MPA.

2. All participants must be current members of their school music program, if one exists. If the school does not have a music program, the sponsoring teacher must be a current member of NAFME.

3. The student's primary teacher must attend this event with his/her students. Students may not register themselves and may not be sponsored by another teacher without prior **written consent** from the chair. Permission must be given no less than **10 days prior** to the event.

4. You may select any solo or ensemble to perform at the festival. Each participating solo or ensemble must provide the adjudicator with a complete score showing accompaniment AND solo line for solos/duets and/or a FULL SCORE for the ensembles. Piano reductions, etc. are not

acceptable as ensemble scores. Please be selective in the groups that you send to the festival. Only the most prepared students should participate.

5. There will be one adjudicator supplying written and oral comments for each performance. Adjudicators must be provided a complete score with every measure numbered for EACH performance.

6. Photocopies of scores are not allowed unless evidence is provided that the score was ordered and has not been received by the time of performance.

7. Small ensembles constitute 2-11 musicians; any larger ensemble is eligible to participate in Eastern Region MPA.

8. If accompaniment is written for a performance, it must be played. Any performance without required accompaniment will receive "Comments Only." New: If you have a Smartmusic subscription, this program can be used in lieu of live piano accompaniment. You are responsible for providing the laptop and for having the subscription. You will also be responsible for controlling the computer. Speakers will be provided. Please feel free to ask questions PRIOR to the event.

9. Warm-up space is available but limited.

10. Each participant/group shall announce the name of their group, the composition to be performed, and the composer/arranger of the selection.

11. All comments and ratings will be distributed as soon after the adjudication as possible.

12. Please enclose a check in the amount of:

(Make a SINGLE CHECK payable to NCMEA to cover the cost of the event.)
Deadline for postmark: Friday, October 16, 2026

\$18.00 for Solos

\$24.00 for Duets (**\$12 per member**)

\$9 **per member** for trios or larger groups

Send checks to:

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Please DO NOT make the check out to Riverside High School, as we will not be able to process payment