

PRESS RELEASE

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2014 South Dakota All-State Chorus & Orchestra Scheduled for Sioux Falls

Over 1,000 of South Dakota's best high school vocal and instrumental musicians will gather in Sioux Falls for the 62nd Annual South Dakota All-State Chorus and Orchestra on Friday and Saturday, October 31 – November 1. The All-State activities will culminate with a Grand Concert at the Sioux Falls Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m. (CDT) on Saturday evening, November 1. Concert tickets can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com, by calling 1-866-625-4586, or at the box office in the Sioux Falls Arena. The doors of the Arena will open for the Concert at 5:30 on Saturday evening.

The annual All-State Chorus & Orchestra, sponsored by South Dakota High School Activities Association, is the largest interscholastic high school music activity held in South Dakota. The 2014 All-State Chorus includes 956 singers representing 151 South Dakota high schools. The All-State Orchestra is comprised of 161 musicians from 25 schools.

The guest conductors for the 2014 All-State Chorus & Orchestra Concert are Dr. Andre Thomas from Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL and Jane Linde Capistran from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. Dr. Thomas will conduct the All-State Chorus while Ms. Capistran will lead the 2014 All-State Orchestra.

During the All-State Grand Concert, the South Dakota Music Educators Association will recognize several high schools and individuals for their contributions to music in South Dakota.

The South Dakota High School Activities Association will present its “SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award” to Dr. Rick Rognstad, Vermillion, and Faye Stryzewski, Chamberlain.

Additional information which might assist with other news or feature stories about the All-State Chorus & Orchestra are available at the South Dakota High School Activities Association web site (www.sdhsaa.com). Once on the SDHSAA home page, please go to “Fine Arts” then “Music” then “All-State Chorus and Orchestra, and the following information can be found at this site:

- 1. Guest Conductor Biographical Information about this year’s All-State conductors*
- 2. Concert Music Program - a listing of the musical selections that will be performed by the Chorus & Orchestra during the All-State Concert, including award recipients, students, schools, and directors.*
- 3. All-State Chorus & Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule – as the title suggests, this is the schedule that will be followed during the two days of All-State rehearsal and concert performance*
- 4. All-State Chorus & Orchestra Concert Ticket Information*

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