



# Large Group Festivals

Welcome back to another school year and an exciting year of festivals hosted by CMEA Bay Section. Members of the Board have been hard at work launching a new festival registration website specifically designed for our needs right here in Bay Section and we are launching it for this upcoming 2016 festival registration season.

What do you need to do? You need to go to [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org) and click on the “Festival Registration” link, which takes you to the new registration site and create an account. Please read the information on declaring a classification for your group prior to registering (refer to past president Andy Collinsworth’s article for further clarification on this point.) Once you have created an account you may **practice** registering your group for the “test festival” on the new site. I think you will be pleasantly surprised at the simplicity of festival registration under our new system.

We have been working hard to secure contracts for all of our festivals. See page 26 for a list of Bay Section 2016 festivals (current to our print deadline.) For the most up-to-date listing, visit our website at [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org). You can also find a list of festivals on our new registration site. You are also free to contact me at [stmusicteacher@gmail.com](mailto:stmusicteacher@gmail.com) with any questions regarding Large Group Festivals.

Finally, if you know of a music teacher new to Bay Section, perhaps you could reach out and share this NEW and important festival registration information.

Please read this list of reminders and helpful information:

- Festival registration information can be found at [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org)

- Festival registration opens Monday, August 31 at 4:00 p.m.
- Out of region registration Monday, September 14 at 4:00 p.m.
- A reminder of our REGION vs. AREA format for festivals: North – Areas I & VII; South – Areas V & VIII; East – Areas II & III; West – Area VI, and Valley – Area IV.
- All Jazz festivals are open to all jazz groups regardless of region.
- The CMEA Bay Section Jazz Combo Festival will be held this year at Santa Teresa High School in conjunction with the Jazz South Festival. Any schools from any region are welcome to attend this festival.
- Please double check your schedules/calendars for all school breaks before you register for a festival.
- THERE WILL NOT BE A WAITING LIST FOR FESTIVALS. Please plan ahead and register for the festival(s) you want

## NEW CMEA Bay Section Registration Site! All information at [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org)

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to attend. If you cannot attend a festival you have registered for, please read the information under the section titled “Fees” about cancelling or transferring festival registrations.

- Make sure that you have created an account on our new festival registration website by clicking the “Festival Registration” link on the CMEA Bay Section homepage.
- If you happen to register at a site that is out of your region prior to September 14, (excluding jazz sites), **your entry will automatically be deleted** (you will be contacted about this). Please wait for out of  
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region registration, no matter how frustrating it might be.

- Festival dates are being posted on our “Festival Calendar” as soon as the festival contracts are approved. You can find a complete listing of dates at [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org)

- Practice registering for a festival on our new website after you have created an account by selecting “test festival”.

### Fees

You may either use PayPal or snail mail to pay your festival fees.

- Please note – Festival fees are due by October 15, 2015, or 30 days after you register; whichever is later.

- Delinquent fees – Once the Treasurer, myself, or the site host has contacted you about your delinquent fees, please be professionally responsible and communicate to us, as promptly as possible, your intentions regarding your festival registration(s). Some questions that you might be asked due to delinquent fees:

1. **(Question):** We have not received payment, so will you be attending the festival for which you are registered? **(Answer):** If you will not be attending, no big deal. Simply let us know and I/we will delete your registration and offer you a full refund if it is prior to the December 31, 2015 refund deadline. If we contact you and you do not respond, your registration will be deleted after four weeks.

2. **(Q):** Will you need to cancel? **(A):** I can help you with this as well; it will be treated the same way as #1. However, if you do need to cancel after December 31, no refund will be available, although you can still register at an alternate site and roll-over your fee.

3. **(Q):** Do you need to move your registration to an alternate site? **(A):** If so, I can do this for you. I can move your registration from site to site on our new website (if you need to move to an alternate site due to a scheduling conflict) and your fees will follow.

To reiterate:

- Festival Registration will open for in region registration August 31, at 4:00 p.m. Out of region registration will be accessible on September 14.

- Your registration will be deleted if your fee has not been received within 30 days of the day you registered.

- Refund deadline is December 31, 2015. There will be no refunds after this date unless CMEA Bay Section cancels a festival due to low enrollment.

Have a terrific school year! **T**

## Bay Section Festival Regions

Breakdown shown by  
Region/Areas/Counties

**North:** (Areas I & VII)  
Marin • Mendocino • Napa  
Solano • Sonoma

**South:** (Areas V & VIII)  
Santa Clara

**East:** (Areas II & III)  
Alameda • Contra Costa

**West:** (Area VI)  
San Francisco • San Mateo

**Valley:** (Area IV)  
Alpine • Calaveras  
San Joaquin • Stanislaus  
Tuolumne

# 2016 Festival Calendar

Check [www.cmeabaysection.org](http://www.cmeabaysection.org) for festival updates.

North

Jazz North	January 15	Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	Andy Collinsworth
Jazz Combo	February 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Band/Orchestra - A	March 5 & 6	Terra Linda HS	San Rafael	Daniel Thomson
Band/Orchestra - B	April 15 & 16	American Canyon HS	American Canyon	Matthew Smith
Choir	April 8 & 9	Sonoma State University	Rohnert Park	Jenny Bent

East

Jazz East	January 15 & 16	Northgate HS	Walnut Creek	Greg Brown
Jazz Combo	February 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Solo & Ensemble	March 5	CSU EastBay	Hayward	Diana Ryan
Band/Orchestra - A	March 18 & 19	Deer Valley HS	Antioch	Larry Widener
Band/Orchestra - B	April 1 & 2	El Cerrito HS	El Cerrito	Keith Johnson
Band/Orchestra - C	April 22 & 23	Irvington HS	Fremont	Charlie Rodda
Band/Orchestra - D	April 22 & 23	Castro Valley HS	Castro Valley	Steve Hendee
Band/Orchestra - E	April 29 & 30	San Ramon Valley HS	Danville	Cheryl Yee Glass
Band/Orchestra - F	May 6 & 7	Amador HS	Pleasanton	Jonathan Grantham
Choir - A	April 15 & 16	Acalanes HS	Lafayette	Bruce Lengacher
Choir- B	May 23	Liberty HS	Brentwood	Laura Carreon

West

Jazz West	January 22 & 23	Aragon HS	San Mateo	Troy Davis
Jazz Combo	February 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Solo & Ensemble	March 12	San Francisco State U	San Francisco	R. Galela/C. Ginwalla
Band/Orchestra - A	April 15 & 16	El Camino HS	S. San Francisco	Ray Galela
Band/Orchestra - B	May 13 & 14	Mills HS	Millbrae	Doug Miner
Choir	May 7	Aragon HS	San Mateo	Troy Davis

South

Jazz South	February 5 & 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Jazz Combo	February 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Solo & Ensemble - A	February 27	San José State University	San José	Nancy Moser
Solo & Ensemble - B	March 19	San José State University	San José	TBD
Solo & Ensemble - C	March 26	San José State University	San José	TBD
Band/Orchestra - A	March 18 & 19	Saratoga HS	Saratoga	Michael Boitz
Band/Orchestra - B	April 8 & 9	Evergreen Valley HS	San José	Steve Barnhill
Band/Orchestra - C	April 29 & 30	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Band/Orchestra - D	April 29 & 30	Gunn HS	Palo Alto	Todd Summers
Band/Orchestra - E	May 6 & 7	Independence HS	San José	Ken Ponticelli
Choir - A	March 11 & 12	West Valley College	San José	Lou DeLa Rosa
Choir - B	April 15 & 16	Silver Creek Valley HS	San José	Kira Dixon

Valley

Jazz Combo	February 6	Santa Teresa HS	San José	Julie Bounds
Solo & Ensemble	March 5	CSU Stanislaus	Turlock	Dan Davies
Band/Orchestra - A	April 29 & 30	Downey HS	Modesto	Daniel Bryan
Band/Orchestra - B	May 6 & 7	Downey HS	Modesto	Daniel Bryan
Choir	April 8 & 9	Johansen HS	Modesto	Jennifer Champeaux