



PMEA District 12 Orchestra
Conestoga High School
January 26-28, 2023

Dr. Timothy Dixon, Guest Conductor
Christopher Nation, Host Director

Director Information Packet

Dear District 12 Orchestra Directors,

Congratulations on the selection of your student(s) to participate in the 2023 PMEA District 12 Orchestra Festival! We are excited to host you for this year's festival at Conestoga High School from January 26-28, 2023. I am pleased to inform you that the guest conductor will be Dr. Timothy Dixon.

Timothy Dixon is the Director of Orchestral Studies at [Messiah University](#) (PA), the Music Director / Conductor of the [American Youth Philharmonic](#) (VA) and the Conductor Laureate of the [West Shore Symphony Orchestra](#) (PA). He is also the author of the recently published book, [An Introduction to Conducting](#). He has conducted professional orchestras and opera productions in the United States, Germany and Ukraine, as well as numerous all-state orchestras nationally. He is widely praised by musicians of all ages for his compelling performances and his warm, collaborative leadership style.

1. The concert program is as follows:

Smetana: *The Bartered Bride Overture (Prodana nevesta)*
Martinu: *Memorial to Lidice*
Dvorak: *Carnival Overture, op. 92, B. 169*
Dvorak: *Othello Overture, op. 93, B 174*

If your students are missing any of these selections from their folders, please inform me immediately at nationc@tesd.net.

2. Director Forms: Please complete and return the following forms no later than Wednesday, December 14, 2022. All of these forms are available at www.stogamusic.com.

- Student Registration Invoice
- School Acknowledgement Form
- Housing Waiver Forms (for students who are not planning to stay in the hotel)

3. In the student folders they will find several forms that must be filled out and sent to me by Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

- PMEA Student Policy Acceptance Form (blue)
- PMEA Medical Information Form (white)
- Medical Administration Form (white – students should bring this to the festival if needed)
- Instrument Responsibility Form (green)
- Dietary Needs (yellow - if applicable)

4. Piccolo, English horn, and Percussion: I have included piccolo parts in all flute folders and English horn parts in all oboe folders. Please let me know if you have a student with access to an English horn who would be interested in playing it during the festival. Percussion folders also have all parts to some selections.

5. The District 12 Orchestra Concert will take place at Conestoga High School on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 11:00 am. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at the door.

6. Concert Attire: Formal Concert Black

- Option 1: Black suit/tuxedo with white dress shirt and black tie
- Option 2: Formal all black

7. Medications

Students that require medications during PMEA Festivals must fill out the white Medication Form. A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH MEDICATION. Upon arrival and check in at the District Orchestra festival, students will be required to check in your medications with the form. STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO SELF-ADMINISTER medications as per PMEA policy. All medications must be in original packaging and should only contain the amount of medications required for the festival duration. Should you have any questions concerning medications, please contact your director immediately.

8. Hotel accommodations

The Desmond Great Valley
One Liberty Boulevard
Malvern, PA 19355
610-296-9800

Updates and other information can be found at stogamusic.com.

I am pleased to be your host for this festival and look forward to an outstanding experience and an excellent concert!

Mr. Christopher Nation
Director of Instrumental Music
Conestoga High School

TENTATIVE FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

ALL STUDENTS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE ENTIRE FESTIVAL

Thursday, January 26, 2023:

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| 4:00 - 5:00 PM | Registration in Auditorium Lobby |
| 5:00 PM | Director's Meeting / Students Warm-Up on Stage |
| 6:00 - 8:00 PM | Re-Auditions for all students, dinner will be available to all students as they finish auditions |
| 8:00 PM | Rehearsal |
| 9:45 PM | Load buses and depart for hotel |
| 11:00 PM | Lights out |

Friday, January 27, 2023:

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| 7:30 - 8:30 AM | Breakfast at hotel |
| 8:45 AM | Bus departs hotel |
| 9:00 AM | Rehearsal (breaks at conductor discretion) |
| 12:30 PM | Lunch |
| 1:30 PM | Rehearsal |
| 3:30 PM | Break |
| 3:45 PM | Rehearsal |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner |
| 7:15 PM | Rehearsal |
| 8:30 PM | Ice Cream Social |
| 9:30 PM | Load buses and depart for hotel |
| 10:30 PM | Lights out |

Saturday, January 28, 2023:

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| 6:00 - 6:45 AM | Load luggage (students in concert attire) |
| 6:45 - 7:30 AM | Breakfast at hotel |
| 7:30 AM | Bus departs hotel |
| 8:00 AM | Dress rehearsal and photo taken |
| 10:30 AM | House opens |
| 11:00 AM | CONCERT |