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2025 SOUTHEAST REGION HONORS MUSIC FESTIVAL



EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE
615 N STADIUM AVE
THATCHER, AZ 85552

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
2:00 PM

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AUBRY WILKES, CENTRAL REGION CO- GOVERNORS





SOUTHEAST REGION FESTIVAL CHOIR
GIDEON BURROWS, DIRECTOR
CARRIE MERIDETH, ACCOMPANIST



And Music Shall Untune
the Sky

Douglas E. Wagner

City Called Heaven

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

They Are Mother

Lucy Cook

Lullaby from Three
Nocturnes

Daniel Elder

Untraveled Worlds

Paul Halley





SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CHOIR GIDEON BURROWS, DIRECTOR

Dr. Gideon Burrows serves as the newly appointed Director of Fine Arts at Eastern Arizona College in Thatcher, Arizona. In this capacity, he coordinates the various activities of the departments of art, music, and theatre as well as the media communications program. He previously worked as the college's director of choral music, supervising the choral program as well teaching various ensembles and courses such as applied voice, conducting, theory, and music education. He continues as part of the choral faculty as the director of the A Cappella Choir.

Prior to employment at EAC, Dr. Burrows served as the choir director for the senior high and middle schools in Rigby, Idaho. Under his direction, the district's choral program experienced immense growth and his students received many recognitions at local, state, and regional events. He also served as the Women's Choir Repertoire and Standards Chair for the Idaho ACDA, and as the associate conductor for the Idaho Falls Sounds Choir and the Utah Baroque Ensemble. He currently supports the Arizona ACDA as the collegiate repertoire & resources coordinator.

Dr. Burrows actively participates as a community and church musician, and has appeared as a clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor for various school and community events in Idaho, Utah, Texas, and Arizona. He earned a D.M.A. in conducting from the University of North Texas, a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of Idaho, and both a M.M. in Choral Conducting and a B.M. in Music Education from Brigham Young University.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

SOPRANO

Jacqueline Foley.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Siena Mayfield.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Sophie Bian.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Elizabeth Braun.....	Sabino HS
Emma Sullivan.....	Cienega HS
Maya Lamoreaux.....	Tucson HS
Ellena Thompson.....	Cienega HS
Izzy Garcia.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Lydia Reimann.....	Cienega HS
Annette Rice.....	Buena HS
Genevieve Berryman.....	Empire HS
Emma Finnegan.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Louisa Stine.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Claire Palmer.....	Thatcher HS
Averi Jacobs.....	Cienega HS
Rosalind Holter.....	Sabino HS
Addison Downs.....	Mission Heights Prep HS
Allyson Owens.....	Empire HS
Nora Fadel.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Sunita Adhikari.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Brooklyn Ball.....	Sabino HS
Martha Haller.....	Thatcher HS
Sophia Shoopman.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Addison Fluegel.....	Catalina Foothills
Tatiana Harper.....	Buena

ALTO

Jackie Rodenbeck.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Sarah Bauman.....	Thatcher HS
Heidi Albrecht.....	Buena HS
Ellaina Carnahan.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Maggie Brown.....	Thatcher HS
Isabella Gamas Collazo.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Eden Tarquinio Alexander.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Aisha Gereau.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Avisa Victory.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Hannah Squires.....	Buena HS
Gracie Perrine.....	Cienega HS
Alicia Herrera.....	Sabino HS
Sophia Hudgens.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Abigail Folkerts.....	Empire HS
Clara Chelpka.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Abigail Sinclair.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Addison Hoffman.....	Sabino HS
Daphne Fisher.....	Buena HS
Elizabeth Ortega.....	Safford HS
Felix Van Tilborg.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Tatianna Huish.....	Cienega HS
Kate Rapier.....	Thatcher HS
Olivia Potter.....	Mission Heights Prep HS
Lindsay Richins.....	Thatcher HS

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR CHOIR

TENOR

Josiah Chaffin.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Bryce Tucker.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Finch Silverman.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Elijah Chaffin.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Cole Stark.....	Tucson HS
Spencer McDowell.....	Buena HS
Luis Urtaza.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Alan Marturello.....	Buena HS
Benjamin Weinzinger.....	Mica Mountain HS
Alex Riddle.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Landen Maynard.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Richard Ortiz.....	Thatcher HS
Pierson Gardea.....	Cienega HS
Xavier Alejandro.....	Tucson HS
Judah Sears.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Ross Federico.....	Mission Heights Prep HS
Erik Ebert.....	Thatcher HS
Alex Pham.....	Tucson HS
Grayson Cluff.....	Pima HS
Owen Becker.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Nguyen Do.....	Mission Heights Prep HS
Alianna Gamble.....	Cienega HS
Maren Muir.....	Cienega HS
Elias Renkert.....	Empire HS
Izabella Hurd.....	Cienega

BASS

Brayden Moore.....	Casa Grande UHS
Fox Foster.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Dillon Casey.....	Pima HS
Carter Ferrell.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Casey Lamb.....	Tanque Verde HS
Reed Borcharding.....	Thatcher HS
Shane Quirk.....	Empire HS
Zachary Denton.....	Sabino HS
Chad Palmer.....	Thatcher HS
Paxton Vail.....	Cienega HS
Joshua Black.....	Thatcher HS
Sebastian Mehl-Dominguez.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Chase Ronstadt.....	Tucson HS
Caleb Muir.....	Mica Mountain HS
Trevor Barr.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
James Rice.....	Buena HS
Anson Lorenz.....	Buena HS
Samuel Chelpka.....	Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Nathan Gileadi.....	Thatcher HS
Joshua Jones.....	Thatcher HS
Mason Tribble.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Joshua Park.....	Cienega HS
Keaton Richards.....	Buena
Jacob Dyer.....	Cienega
Isaiah Clayville.....	Buena



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

Jim Matshushino, Director



An American Rhapsody

Richard Meyer

Declaration Overture

Claude T. Smith

Symphony #8 in G Major,
Op. 88

Antonin Dvorak,
arr. Jonathan del Mar





**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
HONOR ORCHESTRA
JIM MATSHUSHINO, DIRECTOR**

Mr. Jim Matsushino was born and raised in Tucson, Arizona, where he earned a degree in Music Education from the University of Arizona. Upon graduation Mr. Matsushino moved to College Station, Texas, for his first five years of teaching. It was during his time in Texas that he honed his craft as a music educator, especially at Madisonville Consolidated School District where he was the Head Junior High School Band Director as well as lead assistant at the high school.

After his five years in Texas, Mr. Matsushino had an opportunity to move back home to Arizona and take over the Cienega High School band program in the Vail Unified School District. He taught at Cienega for ten years, expanding the program with numbers of students involved and the quality of the ensembles. During his time at Cienega he was able to start an orchestra program that completely took off and after four years split into two separate orchestras. Upon completion of his ten years at Cienega, he was able to open Mica Mountain High School as the first Band and Orchestra teacher at the school.

In 2022 he became a mentor teacher to band and orchestra directors in the Tucson Unified School District. It was during this time that he was able to work with other music teachers throughout the district to help grow and develop their programs. The following year Mr. Matsushino became the district fine arts coordinator for the Vail Unified School District where he is currently working with teachers to provide the best arts education possible to all Vail students.

Jim Matsushino has been the Southeast Regional Governor, an Executive Board Member on the Arizona Music Educators Association Board of Directors, and the Fine Arts ITL for Cienega and Mica Mountain High Schools. He was a finalist for Circle K's Excellence in Teaching Award in 2015 and has been nominated for the Ohio State Annual Scarlet & Gray Award for Excellence in Education. In 2018 Mr. Matsushino received the O.M. Hartsell "Excellence in Teaching Music Award" and became a member in Phi Beta Mu, a honorary band fraternity in 2020. He continues to strive to improve his own teaching methods by accessing opportunities to work with other recognized professionals in music education and performance.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN

Rebecca Kraft.....	Tucson HS
Vivi Nguyen.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Chihiro Kazui.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Sophie Bian.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Lindy Feaster.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Joy Klumpp.....	Veritas Academy of Tucson
Milo Peters.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Vivienne Shehab.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Lucy Goepfrich.....	Tanque Verde HS
Lorelei Swanson.....	Tanque Verde HS
Isabelle Bleakley.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Rebecca Andre.....	Empire HS
Nilay Patel.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Angel Lu.....	Amphitheater HS
Bianca Cheung.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Eve Jones.....	Tanque Verde HS
Grace Conrad.....	Cienega HS
Eli Jensen.....	Empire HS
Graham Kirkpatrick.....	Tucson HS
Meredith Miller.....	Tucson HS
Zenobia Mares.....	Tucson HS
Kyle Zaugg.....	Safford HS
Dallas Wells.....	Safford HS
Conner Beckett.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Rebecca Cunningham.....	Tanque Verde HS
Ashlee Horgan.....	Pima HS
Mason Fosdick Mica.....	Mountain HS
Elliott Rustand.....	Sabino HS
Ashley Dennis.....	Mica Mountain HS
Leia Begay.....	Tucson HS
Gordon Kim.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Chantall Aguirre-Minjarez.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Krista Zale.....	Safford HS
Emma Lindsay.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Kian Aguilar.....	Safford HS
Isaiah Davis.....	Sabino HS
Zula Palmer.....	Empire HS
Rochelle Gaytan.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Eizel Oliva.....	Tucson HS
Destiny Garrobo.....	Safford HS
Valeria Torres.....	Safford HS
Lilliana Payne.....	Sabino HS

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

VIOLA

Joseph Wang.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Juliet Osmun.....	Mica Mountain HS
Karina Gomez.....	Mica Mountain HS
Ariadne Wolgemuth.....	Tucson HS
Andrew Nairn.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Kaelen Wilt.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Gabi Malo-Molina.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Jessica Parker.....	Empire HS
Joseph Unger.....	Sabino HS
Black Bloch.....	Tucson HS
Daniel Geisel.....	Catalina HS
Kassandra Pereida.....	Amphitheater HS
Ryenn Nunley.....	Safford HS
Ella Knuese.....	Tanque Verde HS

CELLO

Madeline Applegate.....	Sabino HS
Bradly Button.....	Empire HS
Nina Raju.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Andrea Adler.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Nia Meredith.....	Tanque Verde HS
Andrew Evans.....	Mica Mountain HS
Amelia Cabrera.....	Sabino HS
Andrew Kandell.....	Tucson HS
Sagar Milczarek-Desai.....	Tucson HS
Bella Uzomba.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Carolyn Pedroza.....	Amphitheater HS
Sophie Fiore.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Elizabeth Salazar.....	Amphitheater HS
Anna Lamb.....	Empire HS

BASS

Brayden Carroll.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Dylin Utsey.....	Mica Mountain HS
Lucas Leonard.....	Catalina Foothills HS
John Archuleta IV.....	Safford HS
Robyn Motes.....	Safford HS
Ethan Amador.....	Tucson HS
Dane Kozar.....	Tucson HS
Mickey Escalante.....	Tucson HS
Kayla Willard.....	Tucson HS
Ruby Brown.....	Cienega HS
Jasper Ackerley.....	Tucson HS

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR ORCHESTRA

FLUTE

Ella Wiegand.....Catalina Foothills HS
Thomas Scott.....Catalina Foothills HS

OBOE

Grace Seo.....Catalina Foothills HS

CLARINET

Madeline Lister.....Catalina Foothills HS
Mareliiss Alvarez.....Catalina Foothills HS

BASSOON

Robert Ferber.....Catalina Foothills HS
Santiago Morales.....Tucson HS

HORN

Jesse DeLong.....Catalina Foothills HS
Zachary Henson.....Catalina Foothills HS
Tyler Tosca.....Catalina Foothills HS
Cameron Murphy.....Catalina Foothills HS
Joe Vertrees.....Safford HS

TRUMPET

Sean Harrington.....Safford HS
Yash Chauhan.....Catalina Foothills HS
Kyle Strumfa.....Casa Grande UHS

TROMBONE

Heloise Declercq.....Catalina Foothills HS
Devyn Smith.....Amphitheater HS
Zechariah Wright.....Catalina Foothills HS

PERCUSSION

Jet Bolton.....Catalina Foothills HS
Spencer McBride.....Globe HS
Onyx Killeen.....Sabino HSI



SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

Rick McEnaney, Director



Canticle of the
Creatures

James Curnow

Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein,
arr. Michael Sweeney

Rakes of Mallow

Leroy Anderson

US Field Artillery March

John Phillip Sousa,
arr. Douglas E.
Wagner





**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND
RICK MCENANEY, DIRECTOR**

Dr. Rick McEnaney is in his 38th year as a public school music educator. He has taught instrumental music at the Middle School, High School and Collegiate levels, and has been a member of the music education and general education faculties teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at NAU, UNLV, SUU, and Sierra Nevada College. Nationally, Dr. Mc is in demand as an adjudicator, clinician, curriculum designer, and guest conductor.

He has been married to his remarkable wife Lyn (who is a colorguard instructor, and amazingly patient) 38 years. After retiring as the Fine Arts Coordinator for the Clark County School District in Las Vegas, Dr. McEnaney returned to Flagstaff and is currently the band and orchestra director at Flagstaff High School. He is a proud graduate of the University of Arizona, and NAU.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

PICCOLO

Lawrence Ward.....Buena HS

FLUTE

Nathan Schlosser.....Catalina Foothills HS
Shelby Giachetti.....Catalina Foothills HS
Bella Scopel.....Mica Mountain HS
Annette Rice.....Buena HS
Alex Ortega.....Casa Grande UHS
Alannah Murphy.....Buena HS
Leah Martin.....Casa Grande UHS
Sam Cochran.....Catalina Foothills HS
Naomi Messenger.....Tanque Verde HS
Annabelle Mitchell.....Casa Grande UHS
Charity VanHardenberg.....Casa Grande UHS
Lydia Reimann.....Cienega HS
Aria Rogers.....Casa Grande UHS

OBOE

Haydn Rae.....Tanque Verde HS
Ray French.....Buena HS

BASSOON

Jonathan Hanson.....Catalina Foothills HS
Madeline Reed.....Catalina Foothills HS
Fritz McGee.....Catalina Foothills HS
Justin Newberg.....Catalina Foothills HS

CLARINET

Bryan Zhang.....Catalina Foothills HS
Mason Rustand.....Sabino HS
Sofie Thorn.....Catalina Foothills HS
Sophia Itule.....Catalina Foothills HS
Tommy Logue.....Catalina Foothills HS
Bella Samaniego.....Catalina Foothills HS
Kristy Hudgins.....Tanque Verde HS
Audrey Orzech.....Tucson Magnet HS
Titus Kim.....Catalina Foothills HS
Brayden Hines.....Catalina Foothills HS
Kinsey Smith.....Cienega HS
Lauren Figueroa.....Tanque Verde HS
Sean Hull.....Catalina Foothills HS
Eric Lu.....Catalina Foothills HS
Elijah Moe.....Tanque Verde HS
Augustine Garza.....Casa Grande UHS
Brooke Kanyur.....Cienega HS
Kamryn Wood.....Pima HS
Lydia Palmer.....Cienega HS
Sahil Shah.....Catalina Foothills HS
Sam Gaither.....Catalina Foothills HS
Jay Arredondo.....Casa Grande UHS
Peyton Hill.....Sabino HS
Logan Peck.....Catalina Foothills HS
Kai Zepeda.....Casa Grande UHS
Camilla Valdez.....Sabino HS
Belen Ortega.....Sabino HS

CENTRAL REGIONAL HONOR BAND

BASS CLARINET

Sage Miner.....Buena HS
Rose Cassell.....Catalina Foothills HS
Lauren Smith.....Sabino HS
Jakob Cline.....Catalina Foothills HS

ALTO SAXOPHONE

Alex Snaith.....Casa Grande UHS
Keenan Samman.....Catalina Foothills HS
Theodora Balzer-Partain.....Tucson Magnet HS
Amy Sternberg.....Catalina Foothills HS
Grace Helmrich.....Buena HS
Benjy Grandner.....Catalina Foothills HS

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Amy Sternberg.....Catalina Foothills HS
Annabelle Chamberlain.....Cienega HS

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Valentina Sanchez Barrios.....Catalina Foothills HS
Nicolas Lawrence.....Catalina Foothills HS

TRUMPET

Jared Olsen.....Sabino HS
Nathan Adler.....Catalina Foothills HS
Aiden Melito.....Buena HS
Reid Fallin.....Tanque Verde HS
William Liu.....Catalina Foothills HS
Tyler Tom-Lin.....Catalina Foothills HS
Zac Young.....Catalina Foothills HS
Andre Nunez.....Buena HS
Gage Richardson.....Catalina Foothills HS
Brendon Cook.....Buena HS
Adrien Mortensen.....Cienega HS
Jacob Braitberg.....Catalina Foothills HS
Rachel Campbell.....Cienega HS

FRENCH HORN

Rex Shetlar.....Catalina Foothills HS
Gavin Jacobs.....Cienega HS
Beckett Jensen.....Tanque Verde HS
Bella Campa.....Catalina Foothills HSy

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL HONOR BAND

TROMBONE

Jesse Steele.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Dominic Loya.....	Casa Grande UHS
Felisberto Pondeva.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Brody Alexander.....	Buena HS
Lucas Litteer.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Joelian Fowler.....	Buena HS
Cassidy Wahl.....	Cienega HS
Luke Musikul.....	Sabino HS
Spencer Thorn.....	Catalina Foothills HS

EUPHONIUM

Mariana Garcia-Jimenez.....	Tucson Magnet HS
Nathan Green.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Michael Barahona.....	Sabino HS
Dominic Bell.....	Catalina Foothills HS

TUBA

Ayden Barr.....	Cienega HS
Owen Gehrke.....	Sabino HS
Matthew Hanson.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Mylee Watahomigie.....	Casa Grande UHS
Brooklyn Smith.....	Casa Grande UHS
Kaitlyn Perez.....	Casa Grande UHS
Zayda Wellman.....	Catalina Foothills HS

PERCUSSION

Alex Lewnes.....	Catalina Foothills HS
Izeah Bautista.....	Tucson Magnet HS
Joseph Sullivan.....	Cienega HS
Carolyn Mortensen.....	Cienega HS
Regan Penttila.....	Cienega HS
Jaxson Bell.....	Buena HS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Southeast Region would like to thank Mica Mountain High School and its faculty and administration for hosting the band, choir, and orchestra auditions.

The Southeast Region would also like to thank Eastern Arizona College and Geoff DeSpain for making the facilities available for two days to host the Southeast Region Festival. We realize that it displaces classes and their support and cooperation is invaluable to the success of this festival.

The Directors and Clinicians would like to thank the parents of these talented students for your encouragement and dedication to the arts in your students' life. Your support through the years has helped create hard-working, well-rounded individuals that will one day make our world better.

Parents, Schools, and communities that recognize the value of arts education in the 2024-2025 school year and beyond should ensure that: Arts education programs continue to be funded. Curriculum and scheduling designed to address "learning loss" includes the arts. Resources that are critical to an arts program's success should always be available. Arts classes are offered across all areas and appropriately scheduled. Arts educators continue to be employed and teach in the discipline for which they were trained. Facilities built and furnished for arts-based activities be used for that purpose.

SOUTHEAST REGION LEADERSHIP

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Danielle Applegate - Orchestra Chair

SE REGION AUDITION JUDGES

ORCHESTRA

Violin, Emily O. Evans
Viola, Esteban Hernandez Parra
Cello, Lori Hennessy
Bass, Kelsey Nussbaum
Tabulator, Clifton Weston

BAND

Flute, Sandy Schwoebel
Double Reed/Horn, Carrie Hester
Clarinet, Phillip Switzer
Saxophone, Michael Mesner
Trumpet, Amy Burmeister
Low Brass, Daniel Brown
Percussion, Paul Gibson
Tabulator, Cory Walavich

CHOIR

Soprano, Brianna Smith
Alto, Sally Traynor
Tenor/Bass Jared Peterson
Sight Reading, Jennifer Bliss
Sight Reading, Lani Villanueva
Sight Reading, Taylor Ralston
Sight Reading, Dane Carten
Sight Reading, John Welker
Sight Reading, Rachelle Port

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PURPOSES OF THE ARIZONA FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc. is comprised of over 1700 music educators who provide instruction at all levels of the Arizona educational system, and students who are enrolled in music teacher preparation programs in the state colleges. Through its choral and instrumental constituent organizations, AMEA annually sponsors the regional and state festivals of performance for musically talented high school students. These festivals serve the following educational purposes:

- to recognize skill in instrumental and vocal performance.
- to encourage further development of outstanding musicianship.
- to provide a performance opportunity to the state's future music leaders that is otherwise not available at the high school level.
- to emphasize with school administrators and the public at large the importance of music as a part of a well-rounded education of Arizona students.
- to establish for the youth of Arizona special performance opportunities comparable to those available to young people in any of the other 49 states.
- to bring nationally recognized conductors to instruct, inspire, and evaluate the accomplishments of students the Arizona high schools.
- to maintain and raise the level of musical performance at the high school level.
- to make available a unique in-service education opportunity for Arizona music educators.

IN APPRECIATION...

We, the directors and music teachers want to thank you for your support of our music programs by attending concerts and encouraging your children to strive for music excellence. We hope our efforts produce life-long musicians and/or music appreciation, positive character traits, and good citizens. You play an important part. You can help our effectiveness by encouragement in the home, influencing other parents, and informing principals, administrators, and district superintendents of your appreciation and the importance of the music programs in your schools. If you don't let them know about the positive aspects, they may assume nothing is going on. The administration may consider cutting a worthwhile music program. Again, thanks for your children and your support.

Your Music Teachers and Directors

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FESTIVAL

Approval for the All-Region Festival of Performance for High School Musicians is given by the Arizona Music Educators Association, Inc.

The All-Region Festivals have been initiated in an attempt to involve more students in festival activities. Students completing the Regional Festivals will qualify to audition for the All-State Festival.

Students are auditioned for participation by teams of specialists selected from members of the Choral and Instrumental sections of AMEA. These auditions emphasize not only performance ability but overall musicianship as well. Any choral or instrumental music teacher unfamiliar with the content and procedures used for these auditions is invited to attend and participate in the AMEA planning sessions.

The festival must be self-supporting but is not intended as a money-making event. Any deficit is underwritten and absorbed by the AMEA.

The Arizona Music Educators Association welcomes constructive suggestions for improving the Festivals of Performance for High School Musicians. Such Suggestions should be in writing and may be sent to the AMEA president or the vice-president in charge of the choral or instrumental section of AMEA.