

**LOUISIANA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION  
2026 DISTRICT V INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**

**Aaron Theall, District Director**  
**MARCH 25-27, 2026**



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**McNeese State University Tritico Theater**  
**Lake Charles, Louisiana**

**Assessment Hosts**

**W. A. and Dorothy Hanna**  
**Department of Performing Arts**  
**McNeese State University**

**Dr. Kedrick Nicholas, President**  
**Dr. Keagan LeJeune, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts**  
**Dr. Lina Morita, Department Head, W. A. and Dorothy Hannah**  
**Department of Performing Arts**

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**Festival Adjudicators**

**Stage:**

**Bill Brent – Natchitoches, LA**

**Karl Carpenter – Pineville, LA**

**Blake Bogan – Gray, LA**

**Sightreading:**

**Robbie Freeman – West Monroe, LA**

**Level Guide:**

Middle School (Gr 4-8)

- MS Level 1 – Majority of performers are in their first year of instruction
- MS Level 2 - Majority of performers are in their second year of instruction
- MS Level 2 - Majority of performers are in their third year of instruction

Combined Middle/High Schools (Gr 4-12)

- MS Combined – Majority of performers are in grade 4-8
- HS Combined – Majority of performers are in grade 9-12

High Schools

- HS – One group from that school participating
- HS 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Groups – School has multiple groups participating

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**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

<b>9:00</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>S. J. Welsh Beginning Band (MS Level 1-Beg)</b> Starsplitter Fanfare* – Brian Balmages The Raven – Michael Story Defender of Time – Rob Grice	<b>Eva Lormand</b>
<b>9:25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Oak Park Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (MS Level 2)</b> Fortitude -William Owens Danza Del Mambo - Robert W Smith Ancient Hunters* - Sean O'Loughlin	<b>Leslie Gunter</b>
<b>9:50</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Maplewood Middle School Concert Band (MS Level 2)</b> Knightly Procession* - Tielman Susato, arr. Jack Wilds Dark Star - Christina Huss Black Moon March - Randall D. Standridge	<b>Kyle Cook/Becky McMillen</b>
<b>10:15</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>DeQuincy Middle School Concert Band (MS Level 2)</b> Summer Thunder - Jorge L. Vargas Triple Threat - Michael Story Furioso* - Robert W. Smith	<b>Lucas Whitney</b>
<b>10:40</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Vinton Middle School Band (MS Level 2)</b> Shine - Rob Grice Gentle Winds* - Timothy Loest Cango Caves - Ralph Ford	<b>Delany Shuff</b>
<b>11:05</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>DeRidder Jr. High School Intermediate Band (MS Level 2)</b> Fortify - Katie O'Hara LaBrie Anasazi* - John Edmondson Rise of The Phoenix - Dennis Eveland	<b>Amanda Escue/Aaron Theall</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Oak Park Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band (MS Level 3)</b> March of the Hyperion Guards - Robert Sheldon Ghost Ship - arr. Michael Story Rust Belt* - William Owens	<b>Leslie Gunter</b>
<b>11:55</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>S.J. Welsh Middle School Concert Band (MS Level 2)</b> Presto! – Robert Sheldon Sakura* - Michael Story Bazaar* - Randall Standridge	<b>Eva Lormand</b>
<b>12:20</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Maplewood Middle School Symphonic Band (MS Level 3)</b> Skygazer Fanfare* - Randall D. Standridge Colliding Vision* - Brian Balmages Squirrel Chase - Carol Brittan Chambers	<b>Kyle Cook/Becky McMillen</b>
<b>12:45</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>S.J. Welsh Middle Beginner "Colt" String Orchestra (MS Level 1-Beg)</b> American Rounds - Traditional; Arr. Bob Phillips St. Lawrence Overture* - Elliot Del Borgo Dragon Dance - Michael Story	<b>Christopher Gunter</b>

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<b>1:45</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>S.J. Welsh Middle School Symphonic Band (MS Level 2-1st)</b> Eclipse Galop – Karl King, arr. Andrew Glover All the Pretty Little Horses* - Ann McGinty Escape from the Deep -Brian Balmages	<b>Eva Lormand</b>
<b>2:10</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Kinder Middle School Concert Band (MS Level 3)</b> Wings to the Mind* - Brian Balmages Lyric Prelude – James Curnow Knights of the Realm – Scott Watson	<b>Timothy Gambill</b>
<b>2:35</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Moss Bluff Middle School Concert Band (Level 2)</b> Starsplitter Fanfare* - Brian Balmages Acropolis - Matthew R. Putnam Plaza de Toros - Michael Story	<b>Roland Smith</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>LeBlanc Middle School Concert Band (Level 3)</b> Suite In Minor Mode* - Dmitri Kabalevsky, arr. Siekmann/Oliver Celtic Celebration – John Kinyon American Spirit March – John Higgins	<b>Gary Young</b>
<b>3:25</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>W.W. Lewis Middle School Symphonic Band (Level 3)</b> Pinnacle - Rob Grice Zig Zag - Sean O'Loughlin Dead Man's March - Randall Standridge	<b>Mark Portie/Becky McMillen</b>
<b>3:50</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>DeRidder Jr. High School Advanced Band (Level 3)</b> A Thousand Hills Overture* - Claude T Smith The Hope of Tomorrow - Naoya Wada Glitch - Heather Ellis Koehn	<b>Evan McAleer</b>
<b>4:20</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Barbe High School Symphonic Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> Aces of the Air - Karl King, ed. James Swearingen Lullaby to the Moon* - Brian Balmages Quad City Stomp - Michael Sweeney	<b>Colin Patton</b>
<b>4:50</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>S.J. Welsh 7-8 Intermediate "Colt" String Orchestra (MS Level 2)</b> Honor and Glory* - Soon Hee Newbold The Journey Forward - Am're Ford Call of Heroes - Christian A. Williams	<b>Christopher Gunter</b>
<b>5:20</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>DeQuincy High School Symphonic Band (HS)</b> Epauettes of Gold - Matthew R. Putnam Call to the Heroes - Chris Bernotas Skygazer Fanfare* - Randall Standridge	<b>Ryan Broussard</b>
<b>5:50</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Barbe High School Wind Symphony (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> Ride* - Samuel Hazo Rippling Watercolors - Brian Balmages Symphonic Dance No. 3 "Fiesta" - Clifton Williams	<b>James Lormand</b>

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<b>6:20</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Washington-Marion Magnet High School Concert Band (HS)</b> March: Celebration and Glory - James Swearingen When Summer's in the Meadow* - Randall Standridge Counterbalance - Todd Stalter	<b>Dr. Tamekia Holliday</b>
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**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

<b>9:00</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>F.K. White Middle School Symphonic Band (MS Level 3)</b> La Madre De Los Gatos* - Brian Beck There Will Come Soft Rains - Robert Sheldon Abandoned Treasure Hunt - Rob Grice	<b>Etienne Stoupy</b>
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<b>9:25</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>S.P. Arnett Middle School Junior Varsity Band (MS Level 2)</b> Bushido - William Owens Cocoon* - Quincy Hilliard Defender of Time - Rob Grice	<b>Jacob Bridges</b>
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<b>9:50</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven Concert Band (MS Level 2)</b> Conquest - Brian Balmages Gentle Winds - Timothy Loest Armory* - Randall Standridge	<b>Alicia Adams</b>
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<b>10:15</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Iowa Middle School Intermediate Band (MS Level 2)</b> Starsplitter Fanfare - Brian Balmages Furioso* - Robert W. Smith Admiration (March) - Larry Clark	<b>Spencer Butts</b>
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<b>10:40</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Leesville Junior High School Band (Level 3)</b> Vulcan's Forge* - Patrick Rozell Ready the Castle - JaRod Hall Long Day's Journey (A Triumphant Return) - James Swearingen	<b>Ola Demus-Jackson</b>
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<b>11:10</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>East Beauregard High School Concert Band (HS Combined)</b> Breakneck! - Tyler Arcari Fragile - Randall Standridge Moscow, 1941* - Brian Balmages	<b>Dallas Tabor/Jared Cody</b>
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<b>11:40</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Sulphur High School Concert Band (HS 3<sup>rd</sup> Group)</b> Capstone - Tyler Arcari As Twilight Falls - Robert Sheldon Joy* - Frank Ticheli	<b>Darren Hooper/Mathew McMillen</b>
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<b>1:40</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>Merryville Jr./Sr. High School Concert Band (HS Combined)</b> Norland March - John Edmondson Sunchaser - Carol Brittin Chambers Pinnacle* - Rob Grice	<b>Jimmy Spencer/Sara Curtis</b>
<b>2:05</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Iowa Middle School Advanced Band (MS Level 3)</b> Heroes Triumphant - William Owens A Scottish Festival* - Brian Balmages Adventure March - Chris Ferguson	<b>Spencer Butts</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>Moss Bluff Middle School Symphonic Band (MS Level 3)</b> Mister Joe (March) – Harold Bennett, arr. Larry Clark Pevensey Castle* - Robert Sheldon Flight of the Thunderbird - Richard Saucedo	<b>Betsy Stoupy</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Leesville High School Concert Band (HS)</b> Dedication Fanfare - Carol Brittin Chambers Under An Irish Sky* - Larry Neeck Terracotta Warriors - Scott Watson	<b>Daniel Wesson</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>DeRidder High School Concert Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> Triton Fanfare - Robert W. Smith Lyric Essay* - Tom O'Connor Ceremony, Chant, and Ritual - Robert Sheldon	<b>Amanda Escue/Luke Pacetti</b>
<b>4:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Sulphur High School Symphonic Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> The Blue Hornets - Jeremy S. Martine Encanto* - Robert W. Smith Choose Joy - Randall Standridge	<b>Darren Hooper</b>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Sam Houston High Jr. Varsity Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> Song of the 16 <sup>th</sup> Empire – Randall Standridge Contempo* - Michael Story Whirlwind - Jodie Blackshaw	<b>Taylor Teague</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>South Beauregard High School Symphonic Band (HS)</b> Military Escort - Harold Bennett Air For Band* - Frank Erickson 3,2,1... - Brian Balmages	<b>Jeremy Boudreaux</b>
<b>5:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>DeRidder High School Symphonic Band (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> El Gato Montes - Manuel Panella, arr. Shelley Hanson God of Our Fathers* - Claude T. Smith Ruckus - Randall Standridge	<b>Aaron Theall</b>
<b>6:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Sulphur High School Wind Symphony (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> English Folk Song Suite* - Ralph Vaughan Williams Alleluia - Samuel Hazo Xerxes - John Mackey	<b>Mathew McMillen</b>

**Friday, March 27, 2026**

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<b>9:00</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>F.K. White Middle School Concert Band (Level 2)</b> Summit Fanfare - William Owens Sakura* - Michael Story A Scottish Festival - Brian Balmages	<b>Sonia Penado</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>S.P. Arnett Middle School Varsity Band (Level 3)</b> Skylight* - Steve Hodges Hope Rising - Tyler Grant Skygazer Fanfare - Randall Standridge	<b>Kevin Coker/Jacob Bridges/John Leger</b>
<b>10:00</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>Lake Arthur High School Band (MS Combined)</b> Starsplitter Fanfare - Brian Balmages Gentle River - Rob Grice Strength and Honor* - Sean O'Loughlin	<b>Madison Pousson</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>Pickering Jr./Sr. High School Concert Band (MS Combined)</b> Kentucky 1800* - Clare Grundman Fields of Clover - Randall Standridge Call to the Heroes - Chris Bernotas	<b>Austin Towns</b>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>7-12</b>	<b>Rosepine Jr./Sr. High School Concert Band (MS Combined)</b> Monterey - Karl King, arr. Swearingen A Scottish Hymn - Roszell Bazaar - Standridge	<b>Watson Nichols</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>LaGrange High School Concert Band (HS)</b> March to the Big Top - Mark Williams Egyptique* - William Owens Out of the Box - Carol Britten Chambers	<b>Robert Post/Tiffany Guillory</b>
<b>12:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Kinder High School Concert Band (HS)</b> Flourish - Sandy Feldstein/Larry Clark At Twilight* - Tyler S. Grant Escapada - David Moore	<b>Timothy Gambill</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>7-9</b>	<b>Jennings High School Concert Band (MS Combined)</b> Skysplitter Fanfare - Brian Balmages Gentle Winds - Timothy Loest The Tempest* - Robert Smith	<b>Dillon Humphries</b>
<b>1:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Iowa High School Concert Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> Presto - Robert Sheldon Journey of the Bonfire* - William Owens Crosswinds March - James Swearingen	<b>Spencer Butts/Traevin Nelms</b>

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<b>2:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Westlake High School Concert Band (HS 2<sup>nd</sup> Group)</b> Zig Zag - Sean O'Laughlin All the Pretty Little Horses* - Anne McGinty War March of the Priests - Felix Mendelssohn/Todd Stalter	<b>Jacob Bridges/Tyler Young</b>
<b>2:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Iowa High School Symphonic Band (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> Flourish for Wind Band* - Vaughan Williams Brave Spirit - Randall Standridge American Big Top - Brian Balmages	<b>David Billodeau</b>
<b>3:00</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>Welsh High School Band (HS Combined)</b> Winchester March - John Edmondson A New Light - Tyler S. Grant A Sailor's Odyssey* - David Bobrowitz	<b>Mack Golden</b>
<b>3:30</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>Jennings High School Symphonic Band (HS Combined)</b> Brighton Beach - William Latham When the Stars Began to Fall* - Fred Allen Declaration Overture - Claude T. Smith	<b>Brandon Strain</b>
<b>4:00</b>	<b>JUDGE'S BREAK</b>		
<b>4:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Vinton High School Concert Band (HS)</b> Ancient Moon - Elliot Del Borgo* Dark Ride - Randall D. Standridge Blue Ridge Rhapsody* - John Kinyon	<b>Keith Allen</b>
<b>5:00</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Westlake High School Symphonic Band (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> Homeward Bound March – John Phillip Sousa, arr. Tyler Acari Inland Ocean - Viet Cuong Brave Spirit - Randall Standridge	<b>Tyler Young</b>
<b>5:30</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>Sam Houston High School Varsity Winds (HS 1<sup>st</sup> Group)</b> The Fairest of the Fair March - John Phillip Sousa Chorale and Shaker Dance II* - John Zdechlik Fall River Overture - Robert Sheldon	<b>Terry Gould</b>