

**Greetings District 4 OMEA members!**

**The OMEA District 4 Solo and Ensemble Festival is fast approaching!**

**Date: Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**Location: McNary High School in Keizer, OR**

Attached to this Email you will find:

- Flier to display in your classroom(s)
- Sample Registration Form for you to have your students complete so that you have all the pertinent information when online registration opens
- OMEA State Ensemble Contest Rules
- 2023-2024 OSAA Solo Contest Handbook
- Music selection guidelines

There is a new Contemporary Vocal Ensemble category this year.

- 2-16 ensemble members (no distinction between 'small' or 'large' ensemble)
- Music can be anything contemporary (jazz, contemporary a cappella, musical theater, pop, etc)
- All entries will be a part of the same competitive category

Cost:

- \$25 School Registration Fee (flat fee for each participating school, invoiced to school)
- \$15 per solo
- \$15 + \$1 per student in an ensemble

Registration:

- Registration opens: January 15, 2024
- Registration deadline: Wednesday, February 14, 2024
- Late registrations will be accepted 2/15 & 2/16 for a late fee of \$10 per entry
  - Please email James Nowickas [nowickas\\_james@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:nowickas_james@salkeiz.k12.or.us) directly with late registration needs or schedule change needs.

The schedule for the event will be posted on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

There is no limit for the number of entries for an accompanist, but directors must include the correct accompanist's name for each student they register.

You can start collecting student information using the sample registration form we have included in the attachments.

We are required by State OMEA to use the OPUS platform for registration. Here is a link to OPUS:

<https://contest.opusevent.com/>

Notes about using OPUS:

- Please include students' full names (first and last) when entering ensembles in OPUS.
- OPUS payments must be made with a credit card.
- We recommend that directors send the *Email Paylink to Selected* in OPUS to directly bill students/parents except in instances where students need support from school or boosters.
- Salem-Keizer Directors, if you are planning on using your school's pro-card (credit card), please check in with your building Office Manager on how to make that happen. S-K schools have had difficulty using a school pro-card (credit card) to pay for services such as OPUS. Your Office Manager can help you around this issue.

Please make sure your OMEA membership is up to date ([nafme.org](http://nafme.org)). We look forward to serving your students at this wonderful festival in March.

James Nowickas  
2023-2024 Solo & Ensemble Contest Chair  
OMEA District 4 Board Member