

FLORIDA ELEMENTARY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION



Dear Parent or Guardian:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected to participate in the 2022 Florida Elementary Music Educators Association Southern Regional Festival. How exciting to be a part of the only group of its kind in the nation! This is quite an honor and we hope that it is an enjoyable and memorable experience for you and your child.

A “Reminder for Parents and Participants” list is included with this letter to help you make the necessary arrangements for your child. You may invite family and friends to the concert on Saturday evening. You will note in the information packet that you need to stay in or nearby the rehearsal with your child, through-out the day. To make this time more pleasant for you, you may wish to bring something to do. Reading or anything that can be done quietly and in a small space will be suitable. There MAY be guest Wifi available in the rehearsal/performance areas but we cannot guarantee free Wifi access.

Please remember that children who are NOT in the FEMEA Southern Regional Festival are not permitted in the rehearsal area, and that non-participating school age children are not allowed in the FIU Fine and Performing Arts Building, except to attend the concert.

Please be sure to check the rehearsal schedule to plan meals and healthy snacks for your child. Please note that students must either bring lunch and dinner with them or must leave campus to find lunch/dinner at a local dining option. We want them at their best for focus and performance. 100% attendance is required so have them in place and ready a minimum of ten minutes before the start time for each rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your music teacher.

Sincerely,

Joani Plawson

FEMEASouthern Regional Festival Coordinator
FEMEA President

Jennifer Sullivan

FEMEAExecutive Director

FEMEA Southern Festival Teachers

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2022 FEMEA Southern Honor Music Festival

Click Here to Register:<https://forms.gle/moXg2ZYBaMppEwhf7>

Registration: Each child is \$79.00. There is no fee for chaperones, and each child's family will receive four complimentary tickets to the concert on Saturday evening. This is collected from either the parent or your school. This may be paid via *credit card, school or pta check, or money order*, directly to FEMEA from the website or by mail to Jennifer Sullivan; 7509 Glenmoor Ln, Winter Park, FL 32792- **Post-mark deadline is October 15th, 2022.**

Location: This event will be held at Florida International University, School of Music in Miami.

Check-In: Students will receive your music packet and materials at Festival Check-In on Saturday, October 22nd. Check in time is 8:30-9:00 a.m.

Program/Names: There will be a digital program. Please check the spelling of your name and students' names. If there are errors, please email: southernregional@femea.flmusiced.org

Concert Attire: Students should bring their performance attire with them to change in to before the 7:00 p.m. concert. (White dress shirt, black pants/skirt, and nice black dress shoes/black socks)

Festival & Concert Location: Florida International University

If for any reason your student is unable to participate in the Southern Regional ensembles, please let us know ASAP: southernregional@femea.flmusiced.org

There will not be food provided or available for sale onsite. There are places close to the campus where you can purchase food.

Parent Chaperones are encouraged to bring a folding chair similar to what you take to sporting events as there is not enough seating available during the rehearsal times.

FIU is very excited to host the FEMEA Southern Regional Event this year. Please read the information regarding parking, eating, and additional campus policies:

- Driving to FIU: Please use the SW107 & SW16 ST Campus entrance to avoid campus traffic. Parking at FIU: Please park in Parking Garages 1 & 2, also named the Gold Garage (PG1) and the Blue Garage (PG 2). Any parking spaces on the second floor and above are free. The parking lot next to the performing arts center (P4) will not be open due to Game Day activities.
- Eating at FIU: Please try to avoid depending on campus dining for lunch options Saturday. Students are encouraged to bring their lunches, as options are extremely limited on the weekends. The only eating options that are open on Saturday are Vicky's Cafe in the Frost Museum (11-3pm) and Cafe Bustello in the Student Union/Graham Center (8-2pm - menu limited to a few pastries and coffee).

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must:

- be a 4th or 5th grade student, with unchanged voice, currently attending an elementary school and chosen by FEMEA through All-State auditions.
- be recommended by the music teacher and principal.
- agree to wear white blouse/button-down shirt, black dress pants or slacks with pockets (no jeans), and black low-heeled (no high heels) dress shoes for the concert performance.
- agree to participate in *all* rehearsals and the concert to be held in Florida International University **Saturday, October 22, 2022**.
- have already signed the Regional Participant's Contract which specifies appropriate conference behavior.

Participant's Parent/Guardian must:

- agree to pay all lodging, food, and transportation costs.
- agree to serve as a chaperone for the child for the duration of the rehearsals and concert or designate an adult guardian (other than the music teacher) to serve as chaperone.
- agree to provide the child with a white blouse/button-down shirt, black dress pants/slacks with pockets (no jeans), and black low-heeled (no high heels) dress shoes for the concert performance.
- have already signed the Regional Participant's Contract and returned it to your music teacher.
- sign and return any forms that your child's music teacher may require. This includes any permission forms required by your county.

It is suggested to have a good breakfast before 9 am rehearsal on Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE: *A parent or guardian other than the music educator is required to accompany each child to the rehearsal site and to supervise the child at all non-rehearsal times. This includes restroom breaks and meals.*

REMINDERS FOR FEMEA SOUTHERN REGIONAL PARENTS:

- _____ Did you fill out a school or county form for out-of-county field trips which your music teacher may have provided for you? Each county has different requirements, so this form may not be required of you.
- _____ Did you sign the Regional Participant's Contract and return it to the music teacher when auditioning?
- _____ Do you need hotel arrangements for at least one night, unless you are within commuting distance to the rehearsal and performance site? You will need to be on the FIU campus 8:30 am on Saturday, October 22, 2022.
- _____ Have you made sure that your child has the required clothing to perform?
- _____ Have you made arrangements to meet the music teacher in Pensacola before you come to the FEMEA Southern Regional Festival registration area? The music teacher registers for the child.
- _____ Have you made arrangements to either bring your student's lunch and dinner, or go out to eat?
- _____ Is there a designated adult (other than the music educator) to serve as a chaperone for the child for the rehearsals and concert?
- _____ Have you made arrangements for children in your party who are not FEMEA Southern Regional Festival participants? *It is a FEMEA policy that the only children allowed in the FIU Center for Fine and Performing Arts during rehearsals are the participants.*

REMINDERS FOR FEMEA SOUTHERN REGIONAL MUSICIANS:

- Did you sign the Regional Participant's Contract and return to your music teacher when you auditioned?
- Do you have concert clothes: white blouse/button-down shirt, black dress pants or slacks with pockets (no jeans) and black low-heeled dress shoes?
- Are you ready to learn, memorize, and then perform all your music in just one day?
- Did you pack a pencil for the rehearsals?

FIU PARKING AND VENUE MAP

The Center for Fine & Performing Arts at FIU



Key by Colleges and Schools

College of Architecture + The Arts	PCA
School of Music Theatre	WPAC
College of Arts & Sciences	ECS
School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)	SIPA
School of Integrated Science and Humanity (SISH)	AHC4
School of Environment, Arts and Society (SEAS)	AHC5, DM, OE
College of Business Undergraduate	RB
Graduate	CBC
College of Education	ZEB
Honors College	DM
College of Law	RDB
Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine	AHC1.2
Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences	AHC3
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work	AHC5

Park on 2nd floor or above in PG 1 & 2
Parking is FREE in these garages only

Use the SW 107 & SW 16 ST
Entrance to avoid campus traffic

WPAC
(Performing Arts Center)

KEY Buildings Sideways Grassy Areas Athletic Fields Water Parking Lots Parking Garages

FIU FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Modesto A. Maidique Campus
 11200 S.W. 8th Street
 Miami, Florida 33199
 p. 305.348.2000
 www.fiu.edu

Key by Buildings			
ACC Ambulatory Care Center	DM Deuxieme Maison	PC Charles Perry Bldg. (Pymera Cass)	SAAC Student Athletic Academic Center
AHC1 Academic Health Center 1	ECS Engineering & Computer Science	PCA Paul L. Cejas School of Architecture	SASC Student Academic Support Center
AHC2 Academic Health Center 2	EH Everglades Hall	PG1 Gold Parking Garage	SH Solar House
AHC3 Academic Health Center 3	FIUS FIU Stadium	PG2 Blue Parking Garage	SHC Student Health Center
AHC4 Academic Health Center 4	GC Ernest R. Graham Center	PG3 Panther Parking Garage	SIPA School of International and Public Affairs
AHC5 Academic Health Center 5	GH Greek Housing	PG4 Red Parking Garage	STK Stoker Astroscience Center
ARE FIU Arena	GL Steven and Dorothea Green Library	PG5 Parking Garage 5	TWR Tower/Veteran and Military Affairs
AS Artist Studio	LC Labor Center	PG6 Parking Garage 6	UA University Apartments
BBS Baseball Stadium	LH Lakewood Hall	PVH Panther Hall	UT University Towers
CBC College of Business Complex	MANGO Management and New Growth Opportunities Building	PPFAM Patricia & Phillip Frost Art Museum	VH Vertes House
CCLC Children's Creative Learning Center	MARC Management and Advanced Research Center	RB Ryder Business Building	W01C Ceramics
CFES Carlos Finlay Elementary School	NCAA National Hurricane Center	RDB Rafael Diaz-Balart Hall	W03 Key Control
CP Chemistry & Physics	OE Owa Ehan	RC Recreation Complex	W10 Graduate Studios - Visual Arts
CSC Campus Support Complex		RH Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House	W10A Graduate Studios - Visual Arts Training Corps
DC Duplicating Center			



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CHECKLIST FOR FEMEA SOUTHERN REGIONAL TEACHERS

- _____ Check with parents regarding completion of online registration or complete the registration yourself. If the parent does not complete the online waiver, [print one](#) and have it signed for presentation at the festival.
- _____ It is your responsibility to satisfy your county's requirements for overnight/off-campus trips. You may need to fill out special forms or secure special permission. Contact your music supervisor or your principal for information.
- _____ Notify Ashley Peek (see contact info below) about any students needing special accommodations.
- _____ Ensure that parents know they must make their own hotel reservations, if needing to stay overnight.
- _____ Remind your student(s) and parents to be aware of the schedule, to plan healthy eating, and not be late.
- _____ Arrange a meeting place in Pensacola for you, your student(s), and their chaperone(s) as they may only register with the teacher.
- _____ Bring the following information with you to Miami and keep it with you at all times:
 1. The name of the hotel(s) housing your student(s), if applicable.
 2. The parent names, home addresses, cell phone, and home phone numbers of your student(s).
- _____ Provide the parents of your student(s) with your cell phone number.
- _____ Be prepared to stay in rehearsals to help monitor your students along with their chaperones.

ALL STUDENTS, CHAPERONES, AND MUSIC TEACHERS MUST BE IN MIAMI AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 FROM 8:30 AM UNTIL THE END OF PERFORMANCE AT APPROX. 7:45 PM.

Music teachers MUST check their students in at the rehearsal site on **Saturday before 9 am**. If you know that you cannot be present at registration, please do not send your students. It is confusing and disturbing for children and parents when the teacher is not present to answer questions and assist the students in starting rehearsals. If you have a last-minute emergency, it is your responsibility to contact another teacher who will be attending FEMEA Southern Regional and make arrangements for that teacher to be responsible for your children. Teachers who fail to do this will not be allowed to participate in future FEMEA Regional and/or FMEA All-State ensembles and the principal will receive a letter describing the situation.