



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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## MSHSAA Music Festival Set for April 26-28

**COLUMBIA, Mo.** - The University of Missouri campus in Columbia will serve as the host site of the 61st Annual Missouri State High School Activities Association State Music Festival, set for April 26-28.

The event will include more than 4,600 individual and group performances representing 395 schools. Most of the festival's performances will take place in the Fine Arts Building and Memorial Union. Other sites on and off campus will also be used.

The evaluative festival will involve schools in five enrollment classifications in which high schools with enrollments (grades 9-12) up to 119 participate in Class 1, 120-227 participate in Class 2, 228-568 perform in Class 3, 569-1174 students participate in Class 4, and 1175 and above take part in Class 5.

The state-level festival has an evaluative purpose during which students perform before some of the nation's top music adjudicators who provide ratings and critiques of the students' musical abilities. Festival participants qualified by earning a division "1" rating at their respective district-level festival.

All portions of the MSHSAA Music Festival are open to the public and free of charge. Performances run from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. A list of schools scheduled to perform each day of the festival may be found in the Music Activities area of the MSHSAA web site ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)).

<b>2012 Performances</b>	<b>Thursday Total</b>	<b>Friday Total</b>	<b>Saturday Total</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Woodwinds	175	352	473	1000
Brass	135	220	321	676
Percussion	86	126	181	393
Piano	37	76	90	203
Strings	32	186	288	506
Vocal	357	639	834	1830
<b>Totals</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>2187</b>	<b>4608</b>

<b>10-Year+ History</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Participating Schools	406	<i>417</i>	394	387	388	381	400	393	403	401
Vocal Performances	1921	2051	2136	1958	2008	1798	1939	1935	1912	1922
Instrumental Performances	2244	2468	2530	2346	2402	2419	2592	2568	<i>3092</i>	2515
<b>Total Performances</b>	<b>4165</b>	<b>4519</b>	<b>4666</b>	<b>4304</b>	<b>4410</b>	<b>4217</b>	<b>4531</b>	<b>4503</b>	<b>5004</b>	<b>4437</b>

*(10-year high in italic)*

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