



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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## MSHSAA Music Festival Set for April 25-27

**COLUMBIA, Mo.** – The University of Missouri campus in Columbia will serve as the host site of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Missouri State High School Activities Association State Music Festival, set for April 25-27.

The event will include 4,199 individual and group performances representing 358 schools. The festival's performances will take place at the University of Missouri in the following locations: Fine Arts Building, Memorial Union, Tate Hall and the Sinquefeld Music Center.

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

All portions of the MSHSAA Music Festival are open to the public and free of charge. Performances typically run from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 website ([www.mshsaa.org](http://www.mshsaa.org)).

<b>2024 Performances</b>	<b>Thursday Total</b>	<b>Friday Total</b>	<b>Saturday Total</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Woodwinds	365	321	276	962
Brass	279	233	217	729
Percussion	141	128	109	378
Piano	44	34	42	120
Strings	137	132	111	380
Vocal	589	571	470	1,630
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>4,199</b>

<b>10-Year+ History</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020*</b>	<b>2021^</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
Participating Schools	390	398	401	404	420	382	---	352	356	345
Vocal Performances	1,949	2,042	2,074	2,097	2,035	2,065	---	1,897	1,473	1,568
Instrumental Performances	2,927	3,117	3,156	2,937	2,937	2,691	---	3,697	2,133	2,347
<b>Total Performances</b>	<b>4,876</b>	<b>5,159</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,756</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>5,594</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>3,915</b>

*(10-year high in italic)*

\*No State Festival-Pandemic

^Virtual Festival

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