



# Missouri State High School Activities Association

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## MSHSAA Prepares for 74<sup>th</sup> State Music Festival

COLUMBIA – The University of Missouri will host the 74th Missouri State High School Activity Association (MSHSAA) State Music Festival April 30 to May 2.

The event will feature 4,820 performances from students representing 357 schools across Missouri. Performances will take place at MU’s Fine Arts Building, Memorial Union, Tate Hall, McKee Gymnasium, Stewart Hall and the Sinquefield Music Center.

Students qualified for the state-level festival by earning an Exemplary rating at their district festival. They will perform before nationally recognized adjudicators, who will provide evaluations and ratings.

All performances are free and open to the public, running daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A daily schedule of participating schools is available in the Music Activities section of [mshsaa.org](http://mshsaa.org).

Please Note: In celebration of MSHSAA’s centennial, a special arrangement of the national anthem will be performed each day at 12:15 p.m. by a combined ensemble of qualified students, directors and faculty musicians from across the state. For more on MSHSAA’s centennial, visit [mshsaa.org](http://mshsaa.org).

<b>2026 Performances</b>	<b>Thursday Total</b>	<b>Friday Total</b>	<b>Saturday Total</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Woodwinds	366	329	295	990
Brass	266	259	278	803
Percussion	113	158	135	406
Piano	27	54	38	119
Strings	174	186	118	478
Vocal	676	684	664	2,024
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,620</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>4,820</b>

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<b>10-Year+ History</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>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Participating Schools	401	404	420	382	---	352	356	345	358	358
Vocal Performances	2,074	<i>2,097</i>	2,035	2,065	---	1,897	1,473	1,568	1612	1954
Instrumental Performances	3,156	2,937	2,937	2,691	---	3,697	2,133	2,347	2538	2601
<b>Total Performances</b>	<b>5,230</b>	<b>5,036</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>4,756</b>	---	<b>5,594</b>	<b>3,606</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>4,150</b>	<b>4,555</b>

(10-year high in italic) | \*No State Festival-Pandemic | ^Virtual Festival

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