

## **SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN THIS SOLO MUSIC FESTIVAL?**

All NYSSMA Festivals are optional activities in which students elect to participate. Participation has no bearing on a student's grade, and, in fact, is not a choice made by all students. Students must be prepared to set aside several months for steady practice prior to the festival date in order to be fully prepared.

Students must be motivated to practice and put in extra effort to participate in NYSSMA in order to do their best. It is suggested that students have a private teacher to prepare. While it is not required that a student have private instruction, it is understood that because not all students participate, the school music teacher has limited time to devote to NYSSMA preparation. School lesson time cannot be devoted to NYSSMA preparation.

### **ADVANTAGES OF PARTICIPATING IN NYSSMA**

- A great sense of accomplishment that hard work pays off, plus a prepared solo on the instrument of choice.
- An opportunity for someone to listen to the student's musicianship and offer constructive help.
- A possible consideration for selection into the All County, All State Music and Long Island String (LISFA) Festivals the following school year.

Please consider carefully all of the above as you and your child decide on whether or not to embark on this musical experience. Once you have made your decision, please register on-line as soon as possible. To register on-line, please visit the [NYSSMA page](#) on the Friends Academy website