



## GMYS Magic City Band Festival Guidelines and Audition Requirements

*Please read guidelines carefully*

The Greater Miami Youth Symphony is pleased to announce our Second Annual Magic City Band Festival with support from the City of Miami Beach. The purpose of this event is to promote the importance of Band programs throughout Miami-Dade County and provide young musicians with an opportunity to collaborate with one another.

This is a **FREE** event open to advanced middle and high school students (see eligibility criteria below). This two-day event will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, August 3-4, 2024** at Temple Beth Shmuel (1700 Michigan Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139). The festival will operate from 8 AM - 5 PM with a culminating performance at 3 PM on Sunday, August 4th. Auditions are required for acceptance. There is a one-time, non-refundable, registration fee of \$40 to reserve your spot after you have been accepted to the festival.

### **What is included?**

Participants will receive large ensemble instruction and have a chance to get to know our special guests: The Boston Brass and director, Jeffrey Grogan. Students will receive a GMYS Magic City Band Festival shirt, lunch, and a snack. Transportation may be provided for students from our GMYS office located in South Miami to Temple Beth Shmuel if there is high interest. Parent/guardians will be responsible for student drop off and pick up daily, unless they are participating in GMYS provided transportation. Sunday transportation will be one-way only. Parents/guardians are expected to be in attendance at the culminating performance and take their student home when it has ended.

Tickets to the performance are *not included* and are \$10 per person (for audience and guests of performers). Performers do not need a ticket.

## How to apply?

Students must complete the [registration form](#). The registration form is only complete if a link to your audition video has been included (see eligibility criteria below). **Audition videos and registration forms are DUE May 15th.** Audition results will be released on June 1st.

## Audition Requirements

GMYS will follow the same requirements for MDCPS Honor Band. Students will record a video audition and submit their recording to our Flipgrid after registering. GMYS Flipgrid: <https://flip.com/991e18cf>

Instruments	Scales	Excerpts
Winds	Students will choose two (2) of the following scales in Concert Pitch. Scales are to be performed in FBA All State Audition pattern  Concert D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab	Winds only have one excerpt  <a href="#">MUSIC HERE</a>
Percussion	Students will choose two (2) of the following scales in Concert Pitch. Scales are to be performed in FBA All State Audition pattern  Concert D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab	Percussionists will prepare an excerpt on snare and mallets. An optional timpani excerpt is included, but not required for entry.  <a href="#">MUSIC HERE</a>

*\*Grade levels are general estimates of age ranges. Students will be placed based on ability by panel of judges*

## Day of Schedule

8:00 AM	Check in / Warm Up
9:00 AM	Rehearsal / Sectional block 1
12:00 PM	Lunch (provided)
1:00 PM	Rehearsal / Sectional block 2

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4:00 PM	Joint Rehearsal
4:30 PM	Snack Time (provided)
5:00 PM	Changing time / Break
5:30 PM	Call Time
6:00 PM	Concert Performance

### **Important Dates to know:**

April 15 - Audition Requirements Release

May 15 - Video Submissions / Registrations DUE

June 1 - Placements and part assignments sent to email on registration form

June 1 - Schedule released

August 3 - DAY 1 OF FESTIVAL

August 4 - DAY 2 OF FESTIVAL - Concert @ 3 p.m.

### **Special Guests**

#### **Jeffrey Grogan, Director**

Jeffrey Grogan is an internationally-acclaimed conductor and teacher, currently serving as Director of Orchestral Activities at the Bass School of Music at Oklahoma City University. During the summers, he is invited by the LA Philharmonic to conduct alongside Gustavo Dudamel at Disney Hall, a part of the Youth Orchestras of Los Angeles National Festival. Grogan was scheduled to appear at the Sewanee Summer Music Festival and the Beethoven2020 Festival in Vienna this summer before the virus outbreak. Recent work includes conducting at the Sydney Opera House, Harpa Concert Hall in Iceland, and in Bangkok and Singapore. Grogan serves as a Master Educator for the Yamaha Corporation of America and also on the Advisory Committees of the Midwest Clinic and Music for All. Following his passion for performing and helping to create new music for orchestras, he has collaborated with many composers such as Lowell Liebermann, Michael Colgrass, Eric Whitacre, Steven Stucky, and Scott McAllister – as well as soloists Richard Stolzman, Stefan Hoskuldsson, Julian Schwarz, and the Canadian Brass. Grogan worked in studio and on several projects with violinist and composer Mark O’Connor. Grogan recorded O’Connor’s March of the Gypsy Fiddler with the Ahn Trio and New Jersey Youth Symphony on OMAC Records, which is played on classical music radio throughout the country. He previously served eleven seasons as Education and Community Engagement Conductor of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, and as Conductor and Artistic Director of the NJSO Youth Orchestras, the InterSchool Orchestras of New York and the New Jersey Youth Symphony. He was founding Artistic Director of two El Sistema inspired programs in New Jersey, CHAMPS and the Paterson Music Project. Grogan taught for over a decade at the University of Michigan, Ithaca College, and Baylor University. He is also the former Associate Director of Bands and Marching Band Director at the University of

Michigan and Baylor University.

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## FAQ

### What do I bring?

- Instrument and accessories (reeds, valve oil, straps, slide grease, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Concert Attire
- Pencil
- Sweater or jacket
- Meal (If you have dietary restrictions, please let our staff know to accommodate you. You may choose to bring your own lunch)

### What is the concert attire?

Dark Jeans, GMYS Magic City Band Festival shirt (provided), and closed toe black shoes.

### How much do I have to pay?

Participation in the GMYS Magic City Band Festival is FREE.

There is a \$40 one-time, non-refundable, registration fee per student to reserve your spot in the festival.

Audience members will pay \$10 per ticket to attend the concert.

**Where will it take place?**

The GMYS Magic City Band Festival will take place at Temple Beth Shmuel (1700 Michigan Ave, Miami Beach, FL 33139).

**Do I have to be there the whole day?**

YES. As this is a two day festival, students MUST remain for the entire event on each day. No exceptions.

**Do you accommodate dietary restrictions?**

Yes, please make sure you make a note in the registration form.

**Who can I contact with questions?**

Please email [programmanager@gmys.org](mailto:programmanager@gmys.org)