

# LMEA Annual Professional Development Conference & All-State Concerts

## Know Before You Go

The 2025 LMEA Annual Conference and All-State Concerts is right around the corner! Until then, we are here to assist you and answer any questions you may have. You may email [conferencechair@lmeamusic.org](mailto:conferencechair@lmeamusic.org), visit [www.lmeamusic.org](http://www.lmeamusic.org), or come see us at the registration area on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, beginning at 12:30pm on Thursday, January 16, 2025. Below you will find information that may help make your experience smooth and seamless.

### Schedules

- The QR code below will give you access to a Google Drive folder containing rehearsal schedules, conference program and session schedule, All-State concert program, exhibitor list, and maps of the meeting space at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside for you to review and to print prior to your arrival if you wish. We encourage you to check back often for updates.



### Registration and Name Badges

#### Conference Registration for Attendees, Presenters and Exhibitors:

**Where:** 1<sup>st</sup> floor registration counters, Hilton New Orleans Riverside

**When:** Thursday, January 16th: 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Friday, January 17th: 8:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday, January 18th: 8:30am – 5:30pm

Sunday, January 19th: 8:30am – 12:00pm

- Registration is **required** for all attendees, presenters and exhibitors. If you have not registered yet, we encourage you to do so prior to your arrival in order to expedite check-in. You can access the registration links by visiting <https://lmeamusic.org/2025-conference-registration/>.

- Conference attendees, presenters, and exhibitors will be required to wear the name badge provided to them by LMEA throughout the entire conference. The badge must be worn in order to access the rehearsal, concert, exhibitor and meeting spaces.

### **All-State Registration and Check-in for Students and Parents/Families:**

- Registration for All-State students has been completed. Student and parent or family members' badges should be picked up in the student's assigned rehearsal room at the scheduled check in time.
- Parents are encouraged to visit with universities in The District and St. Charles Ballroom and attend the clinic for parents (*The Application Process for Admissions to the College/University School of Music*). The parent's badge must be worn to access these areas.
- **CLINIC FOR PARENTS: *The Application Process for Admissions to the College/University School of Music* ~ Kayla Meija**
  - **When:** Saturday, January 18th, 3:00pm to 4:00pm in Churchill BC (2nd floor)
  - **What:** During this session, Kayla Meija offers practical guidance on navigating the complex world of music admissions. Discover key tips for preparing standout applications and auditions, while learning how to adapt to the unique processes and expectations of different music schools.
  - **Who:** Kayla Meija is Assistant director of Admissions at Loyola University New Orleans and Admissions Counselor to the College of Music and Media. A graduate of Louisiana State University (LSU), Kayla also served as Music Ambassador for the School of Music during her studies at LSU,
- **VISIT COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY EXHIBITS:**
  - **Where:** The District and St. Charles Ballroom
  - **When:** Friday 9:30am - 6:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sunday 8:30am - 11:30am

### **What to Wear**

The meeting space is often cold, and controlling the temperature is sometimes difficult. **Please bring a sweater or jacket to ensure your comfort.**

## **Hotel**

- The Hilton New Orleans Riverside is 100% **cashless**. All transactions made at the hotel or in any of its outlets must be via a credit or debit card. Cash will not be accepted.
- Each sleeping room at the Hilton is equipped with a refrigerator.
- We are expecting a full house and the Hilton New Orleans Riverside will be fully staffed to help expedite parking, check-in, check-out, and other services. We want your experience to be a good one, however, delays may occur. Please plan accordingly. Check-in is at 4:00pm and check-out is at 11:00am.
- If you have made a reservation to stay overnight at the Hilton Riverside, please be aware that check-in may take longer, particularly if you have multiple sleeping rooms in your name and/or you are paying with a check. If you have booked a room under the government rate, have your documentation complete and ready to present to the attendant at the counter.
- If you are not sure if your room is under LMEA's room block, contact the hotel and inquire. Rooms not in LMEA's block will not be allowed to take advantage of the complimentary basic Internet in the sleeping room and the discounted self-parking rate.

## **Security**

- LMEA is partnering with the Hilton New Orleans Riverside and New Orleans & Co. to ensure that you feel as comfortable as possible while you are in New Orleans. You may notice the presence of additional security or security measures in and around the hotel and the RiverWalk Outlet Mall. This is intentional and part of the plan created in partnership with the hotel. This additional security does not indicate there is any active threat or situation is occurring.

## **Parking at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside**

### **For Hotels Guests**

- LMEA has contracted self-parking at \$20.00 per day for overnight guests. If you are a guest of the hotel, please let the Front Desk know you park in the garage when checking in. Your room folio will be charged \$20.00 per day and your room key will be coded for self-parking. This does not apply to Valet parking therefore prevailing rates will be applied. Current Valet rates are approximately \$50 plus tax per day.

### **For Daily Drive In Guests**

- Please access the Hilton Self-Parking Garage or the Whale Lot via Convention Center Blvd. LMEA has contracted self-parking at \$10 per day for guests who will be in the hotel just for the day between the hours of 7:30am and 7:30pm on Thursday, January 16th through Saturday, January 19th. Hilton parking management will have a table set each day near the 1st floor registration counters (time to be determined) so guests can prepay via credit card prior to leaving the parking garage or Whale Lot. Standard rates will apply if exiting after 7:30pm.

**NOTE:** The World Trade Center parking garage next to the Hilton is not part of the contracted self-parking rate.

### **Audio Recordings and Photos**

There will be 2 vendors set up in the Chemin Foyer on the 1st floor near the concert rooms where you may purchase audio recordings and photos of the concerts.

### **Social Media**

Join the conversation or share your thoughts about the 2025 LMEA Annual Conference and All-State Concerts on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/lmeapublicoutreach>. Please use #LMEAMusicNOLA when posting any photos or information.