



***Northwestern State University***  
***April 20-24, 2026***



**Louisiana Music Educators Association**

**State Large Ensemble  
Band & Orchestra Assessment**

**April 20-24, 2026**

*Magale Recital Hall*

*School of Creative & Performing Arts*

*Northwestern State University*

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**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**MONDAY APRIL 20, 2026**

**8:30 AM**

**Natchitoches Central High School**  
**Classification: High School**  
**Lincoln Hall, Director**

Entrance of the Queen of Sheba, G.F. Handel/H.B.  
Fisher  
Danny Boy, arr. Harry Alshin  
The Dance of Iscariot\*, Kirt Mosier

**11:00 AM**

**Montegut Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 2**  
**Ben Templet, Director**

Synergy March, William Owens  
Simple Gifts\*, Arr. Jack Bullock  
Dragon Slayer\*, Rob Grice

**9:00 AM**

**Neville High School**  
**Classification: HS Combined**  
**Natalie Telfiero, Director**

Jupiter\*, Holst/Deborah Baker-Monday  
Sea of Stars, Liam Ramsey-White  
Creatures, Brian Balmages

**11:30 AM**

**Houma Christian**  
**Classification: MS Combined**  
**Karen Dusenbery, Director**

Advance March, Harold Bennett arr. by Larry Clark  
River of Dreams \*, Victor Lopez  
The Tempest, Robert W. Smith

**9:30 AM**

**Rosepine Jr/Sr High School**  
**Classification: MS Combined**  
**Watson Nichols, Director**

Monterey, King/Swearingen  
A Scottish Hymn, Roszell  
Bazaar \*, Standridge

**12:00 PM**

**Glasgow Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 1**  
**Amy Pan, Ph.D., Director**

Dragonhunter\*, Richard Meyer  
Hiawatha, Soon Hee Newbold  
Song of Peace, Deborah Baker Monday

**10:00 AM**

**SJ Welsh Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 2**  
**Eva Lormand, Director**

Eclipse Galop, King/ Glover  
All the Pretty Little Horses\*, McGinty  
Escape from the Deep, Balmages

**1:45 PM**

**David Thibodaux STEM Academy**  
**Classification: MS Combined**  
**Eric LeBlanc, Director**

Ocean Blue, Adrian Sims  
Appalachian Morning, Robert Sheldon  
\*Alegria, Carol Chambers

**10:30 AM**

**Pine Prairie High School**  
**Classification: HS Combined**  
**John Havard, Director**

The Directorate, John Philip Sousa  
On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss\*, David Holsinger  
Flag of Stars, Gordon Jacob

**2:15 PM**

**Montegut Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 3**  
**Ben Templet, Director**

Above and Beyond, James Swearingen  
Sakura\*, Arr. Michael Story  
Hound of the Baskervilles, Mekel Rogers

**LUNCH**

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**MONDAY APRIL 20, 2026**

**2:40 PM**

**Morgan City Junior High School**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**Nanci Smith, Director**

Nottingham Castle, Larry Daehn

Hope Rising, Tyler S. Grant

Whirling Novas \*, Jack Wilds

**4:15 PM**

**Acadiana High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Baliey Lanier, Director**

A Walk in the Morning Sun\*, Pierre LaPlante

Into the Silent Land, Steve Danyew

Elixir, Michael Markowski

**3:15 PM**

**Math, Science, and Arts, Academy West**

**HS Combined**

**Dr. Michael Berthelot, Director**

The Second Storm \*, Robert Seldon

The Syncopated Clock, Leroy Anderson

Kabalevsky Suite \*, Dmitri Kabalevsky/ arranged by  
Grant Hull

**4:45 PM**

**Math, Science, and Arts, Academy**

**High School**

**Dr. Michael Berthelot, Director**

Into the Arctic, Brian Balmages

On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss \*, David Holsinger

Wild Rose Jamboree, Robert Buckley

**3:45 PM**

**LaGrange High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Robert Post, Director**

March to the Big Top, Mark Williams

Egyptique\*, William Owens

Out of the Box, Carol Brittin Chambers

**5:15 PM**

**Morgan City High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Michael Swiber, Director**

Foundry\*, John Mackey

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Endurance, Chris M. Bernotas

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**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**Alexandria Senior High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Shawn Nacquin, Director**

Fanfare For The Third Planet, Richard Saucedo

Two Irish Sketches\*, Dave Black

Moscow 1941, Brian Balmages

**9:30 AM**

**Loreauville High School**

**Classification: HS Combined**

**Frank Noto, Director**

March of the Hobgoblins, Randall Standridge

In a Quiet Place\*, Bill Calhoun

Into the Hornet's Nest, Jorge Vargas

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Herndon Magnet School**

**Classification: Extenuating Circumstances**

**Victoria Lacy, Director**

Starsplitter Fanfare\*, Brian Balmages  
Spring, Randall Standridge  
Flash!, Brian Beck

**10:30 AM**

**Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy**

**Classification: MS Level 2**

**Christy Finley, Director**

At A Turkish Market, William Owens  
The Tears of Arizona\*, Brian Balmages  
Darklands March, Randall D. Standridge

**10:55 AM**

**Lake Elementary**

**Classification: MS Level 2**

**Tedie Cahill, Director**

Serengeti Dreams\*, Robert W. Smith  
Gentle River, Rob Grice  
Terracotta, William Owens

**11:20 AM**

**Dutchtown Middle School**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**Kaitlyn Nassar, Director**

Skygazer Fanfare, Randall Standridge  
At Twilight, Tyler S. Grant  
Incantation and Ritual\*, Brian Balmages

**11:45 AM**

**Bluff Middle School**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**Jessica Fain-Blanchard, Director**

Destiny Fanfare, Mekel Rogers  
As Twilight Falls\*, Robert Sheldon  
Byzantine Dances\*, Carol Brittin Chambers

**LUNCH**

**2:00 PM**

**Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy**

**Classification: High School**

**Ronald Totoro, Director**

Boreas - The Cold North Wind, Todd Parrish  
Geometric Dances: Mvmt 3 Triangle Dance\*, Richard Meyer  
The Barber of Seville Overture, G. Rossini/Carrie Lane Gruselle

**2:30 PM**

**Central High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Ty Lege, Director**

Rhythm Machine, Timothy Broege  
Rippling Watercolors\*, Brian Balmages  
Awakening Hills, Richard Saucedo

**3:00 PM**

**Dutchtown High School**

**Classification: High School 3rd Group**

**Connor McElwee, Director**

March Phantasma, Randall Standridge  
Maesong\*, William Owens  
Curse of Tutankhamen, Michael Story

**3:30 PM**

**Southside High School**

**Classification: High School 2nd Group**

**Chuck Guardia, Director**

Fanfare for a New Age, Michael Story  
Cherished, Robert Sheldon  
Foundry\*, John Mackey

**4:00 PM**

**Dutchtown High School**

**Classification: High School 2nd Group**

**Daniel Modenbach, Director**

Cumberland Cross\*, Carl Strommen  
Bamboo Warrior, Christina Huss  
Fable, Erik Morales

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2026**

**4:30 PM**

**New Iberia Senior High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Kelly Landry, Director**

Charm, Kevin Puts

Serenity \*, Ola Gjeilo Arr by J Eric Wilson

Haven, Adrian B. Sims

**5:30 PM**

**Parkway High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Mark Minton, Director**

Fanfare and Allegro, Clifton Williams

Lincolnshire Posy\*, Percy Grainger

First Suite in Eb 3rd Mvmt "March", Gustav Holst

**5:00 PM**

**West Monroe HS, West Ridge Middle,**

**Good Hope Middle**

**Classification: MS Combined**

**John Pirkey, Director**

Velocity\*, Brian Balmages

Brahms Interlude, Johannes Brahms / arr. Deborah

Baker Monday

Echoes of Bartok, Bela Bartok / arr. Walter

Cummings

**6:00 PM**

**Dutchtown High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Sheily Bell, Director**

Washington Grays, Claudio Grafulla

Were You There\*, Fred Allen

Zampa, J. Ferdinand Herold

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**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026**

**9:25 AM**

**Tioga High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Kyle Siddle, Director**

Second Suite in F, MVT 1 March, Gustav Holst

Perthshire Majesty\*, Samuel Hazo

American Barndance, Richard Saucedo

**10:50 AM**

**J. B. Martin Middle**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**Michael Danigole, Director**

Youth Patrol March, R. Alan Carter

Peace, Frank Ticheli

Arctic Wars\*, Brian Balmages

**9:55 AM**

**LSU Laboratory School**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**Ethan Archer, Director**

Summit Fanfare\*, William Owens

Valley of The Moon, Michael Story

Teleportation, Timothy Loest

**11:15 AM**

**Lakewood Elementary School**

**Classification: MS Level 2**

**Monica Monti, Director**

Geyser Point March, Chris Ferguson

Great Beginnings\*, Michael Kamuf

Strike Force, Michael Sweeney

**10:25 AM**

**Benton Middle School**

**Classification: MS Level 3**

**CJ Pernici, Director**

Byzantine Dances\*, Carol Brittin Chambers

Iroquois Sunrise, Gregory Rudgers

Behemoth, Adrian B. Sims

**11:45 AM**

**Cecilia High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Julian King, Director**

Andalucia, Victor Lopez

Incantation and Ritual\*, Brian Balmages

Gotham Nights, Scott Watson

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**WEDNESDAY APRIL 22, 2026**

**12:15 PM**

**J. B. Martin Middle**  
**Classification: MS Level 3**  
**Michael Danigole, Director**  
Acclaim March, Larry Clark  
Midnight Sky, Brian Balmages  
Bazaar\*, Randall Standridge

**LUNCH**

**2:00 PM**

**East Beauregard High School**  
**Classification: HS Combined**  
**Dallas Tabor and Jared Cody, Director**  
Breakneck!, Tyler Acari  
Fragile, Randall Standridge  
Moscow 1941\*, Brian Balmages

**2:30 PM**

**J. B. Martin Middle**  
**Classification: MS Level 3**  
**Heather Dahl, Director**  
Darklands March, Randall Standridge  
A Child Of the Sun, Larry Clark  
Chant and Savage Dance\*, Brian Balmages

**3:00 PM**

**Ponchatoula High School**  
**Classification: High School**  
**Laurie Kinder, Director**  
Nite Ridin' On da Riva\*, Dr. Tom O'Connor  
Ammerland\*, Jacob de Haan  
The Klaxon, Filmore/ Balent

**3:30 PM**

**Archbishop Rummel High School**  
**Classification: HS Combined**  
**Telly S. Higgins, Director**  
Hands Across The Sea, John Philip Sousa arr. by  
Jerry Brubaker  
Sentimentale\*, Satoshi Yagisawa  
First Suite in Eb For Military Band - Movement 1.  
Chaconne, Gustav Holst edited by Colin Matthews

**4:00 PM**

**Benton High School**  
**Classification: High School 2nd Group**  
**Evan McCormick, Director**  
Alamo March, James Swearingen  
Our Cast Aways, Julie Giroux  
Arabian Dances\*, Brian Balmages

**4:30 PM**

**Ellender Memorial High School**  
**Classification: High School**  
**Anthony Joseph, Director**  
The Great Rubber Chicken Galop, Randall  
Standridge  
In the Shining of the Stars\*, Robert Sheldon  
Octane, Dakota Pederson

**5:00 PM**

**Barbe High School**  
**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**  
**James Lormand, Director**  
Ride \*, Samuel Hazo  
Rippling Watercolors, Brian Balmages  
Symphonic Dance No. 3 "Fiesta", Clifton Williams

**5:30 PM**

**Benton High School**  
**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**  
**Evan McCormick, Director**  
The World is Waiting for the Sunrise, Harold Gore  
Lux Aurumque\*, Eric Whitacre  
Cry of the Last Unicorn, Rossano Galante

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**THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026**

**9:30 AM**

**Lakeview Jr/Sr High School**

**Classification: Extenuating Circumstances**

**Myles Schexnayder, Director**

Dragon Slayer, Rob Grice

The Water Is Wide, Jim Swearingen

Armory\*, Randall Standridge

**10:00 AM**

**Caddo Parish Magnet High School**

**Classification: HS Combined**

**Zack Grant, Director**

For The Star of County Down, Debora Baker Monday

Brandenburg Concerto No. 3, Bach/Arr. Merle J. Isaac

Drifen\*, Shirl Jae Atwell

**11:00 AM**

**DeQuincy High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Ryan Broussard, Director**

Epaulettes of Gold, Matthew R. Putnam

Call to the Heroes (Flex), Chris M. Bernotas

Skygazer Fanfare\*, Randall D. Standridge

**11:30 AM**

**Jennings High School**

**Classification: HS Combined**

**Brandon K. Strain, Director**

Brighton Beach, William Latham

When The Stars Began to Fall\*, Fred Allen

Declaration Overture, Claude T. Smith

**12:00 PM**

**Iowa High School**

**Classification: High School**

**David Billodeau, Director**

Flourish for Wind Band\*, Vaughan Williams

Brave Spirit, Randall Standridge

American Big Top, Brian Balmages

**1:45 PM**

**Westlake High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Tyler Young, Director**

Homeward Bound March, Tyler Arcari

Inland Ocean, Viet Cuong

Brave Spirit\*, Randall D. Standridge

**2:15 PM**

**Washington Marion Magnet High**

**Classification: High School**

**Dr. Tamekia Holliday, Director**

March: Celebration and Glory, James Swearingen

Summers in the Meadow\*, Randall Standridge

Counterbalance, Todd Stalter

**2:40 PM**

**Edna Karr High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Christopher Herrero, Director**

The Wild One!, Brian Balmages

As Twilight Falls\*, Robert Sheldon

Critical Mass, Todd Stalter

**3:15 PM**

**Acadiana Renaissance Charter Academy High  
School**

**Classification: High School**

**John Irion, Director**

The Red Cape, James Meredith

Romanza, Ralph Ford

Illumination\*, David Maslanka

**3:45 PM**

**Benjamin Franklin High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Mr. Carl LaCoste, Director**

Drifen, Shirl J. Atwell

Lullaby\*, William Hofeldt

Saison de Cordes (Season of Strings), Francis L. Feese

**LUNCH**

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**THURSDAY APRIL 23, 2026**

**4:15 PM**

**Southside High School**  
**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**  
**Billy Hochkeppel, Director**  
Ecstatic Fanfare, Steven Bryant  
October\*, Eric Whitacre  
Give Us This Day\*, David Maslanka

**4:45 PM**

**Mamou High School**  
**Classification: High School**  
**Michael McElroy, Director**  
High School Cadets, John Phillip Sousa  
Three Ayres from Gloucester \*, Hugh M. Stuart  
Joy Revisited, Frank Tichelli

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**FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2026**

**9:15 AM**

**Elm Grove Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 2**  
**Erica/Mitchel Ernst, Director**  
Thawing, Kazuki Shimoda  
Ember Skies, Kevin Day  
Joy\*, Frank Tichelli

**11:25 AM**

**St. Amant High School**  
**Classification: High School 3rd Group**  
**Joseph Nassar/Andrew Graham, Director**  
Voodoo Dance\*, Elliot Del Borgo  
On Placid Seas, Robert Sheldon  
Kitsune: The Fox Spirits, Brian Balmages

**9:40 AM**

**Judice Middle School**  
**Classification: MS Level 3**  
**Courtney Melancon, Director**  
Wild Blue\*, Tyler S. Grant  
Tears of Arizona\*, Brian Balmages  
Dance of the Shadows, Adrian B. Sims

**11:55 AM**

**Welsh High School**  
**Classification: HS Combined**  
**Mack Golden, Director**  
Winchester March, John Edmondson  
A New Light, Tyler S. Grant  
A Sailor's Odyssey\*, David Bobrowitz

**10:05 AM**

**Lafayette High School**  
**Classification: MS Level 3**  
**Dragos Filip, Director**  
Ode To A Joyride, Brian Balmages  
A Ray of Joy\*, Adrian Gordon  
Blue Rhythmico, Kirt Mosier

**12:25 PM**

**Westgate High School**  
**Classification: High School**  
**Ron C. Maze, Director**  
Heroes Triumphant, William Owens  
At Twilight\*, Tyler S. Grant  
Promise of a New Sunrise, David Shaffer

**10:55 AM**

**Baton Rouge Magnet High School**  
**Classification: High School 2nd Group**  
**Christopher Frazier, Director**  
Mississippi Suite, Movement 1\*, Ferde Grofe  
Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte, Maurice Ravel  
Peer Gynt Suite 2, Ingrid's Lament and Arabian  
Dance, Edvard Grieg

**LUNCH**

**LMEA STATE LARGE ENSEMBLE ASSESSMENT**  
**FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

**Sulphur High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Mathew McMillen, Director**

English Folk Song Suite\*, Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Alleluia, Samuel Hazo  
Xerxes, John Mackey

**2:30 PM**

**Baton Rouge Magnet High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**William (BJ) McGibney, Director**

Festival Prelude\*, Alfred Reed  
How Sweet the Sound, Brian Balmages  
Choose Joy, Randall Standridge

**3:00 PM**

**Covington H.S.**

**Classification: High School**

**Neal Naquin, Director**

Rukus, Randall D. Standridge  
Polly Oliver\*, Thomas Root  
Shaker Variants, Elliot del Borgo

**3:30 PM**

**St. Amant High School**

**Classification: High School 2nd Group**

**Andrew Graham, Director**

Montana, Jan Van der Roost  
Pale Blue Dot, James David  
Festivo\*, Vaclav Nelhybel

**4:00 PM**

**Baton Rouge Magnet High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Christopher Frazier, Director**

Concerto Grosso, Piano Obligato, Movement 1\*,  
Ernest Bloch  
To A Wild Rose from Woodland Sketches, Edward  
MacDowell/Arranged by Leroy Anderson  
Serenade, Peter Warlock

**4:30 PM**

**Franklin High School**

**Classification: High School**

**Savoid Howard, Director**

Winner's Circle March, Jim Johnson  
A Childhood Hymn\*, David Holsinger  
Storm Warning, Robert Sheldon

**5:00 PM**

**St. Amant High School**

**Classification: High School Top Ensemble**

**Joseph Nassar, Director**

Symphonie Fantastique, IV. March to the Scaffold,  
Hector Berlioz/trans. Evan Vandoren  
Prelude, Op. 34, No. 14, Dmitri Shostakovich/trans.  
H. Robert Reynolds  
Flying Jewels\*, James M. David



