

What is the General Music Festival?

The 2nd Annual Western Massachusetts General Music Festival is sponsored by the Society for General Music in Massachusetts and the Gill-Montague Regional School District.

This festival is an opportunity for musically inclined children in grades 3-8 to come together for a day of singing, dancing, and instrument playing under the direction of some of the region's finest music educators.

The festival provides fellow educators the opportunity to observe peers in action; build their own repertoire of activities, songs, chants, dances, and other creative experiences; gain further insights into their students; earn PDPs; and more!

Parents are encouraged to come to the 2:00 Sharing Time to see, hear and, perhaps, participate in the music making with their children and other youngsters from around the Commonwealth.

This may sound like an exciting day, but we need to warn you of one thing: your children and you WILL want to come back next year. You've been warned.

**TURNERS FALLS HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009**

Schedule for the Day

8:45-9:00	Check-in
9:00-2:00	Lots of Music! Singing Drumming Dancing Creating
2:00-2:30	Sharing Time

All participants will sing, play Orff instruments, drum music from other cultures, and folk dance. It is a day of music making your child will want to replicate every year.

Student Information

- Bring lunch, snacks, and drinks.
- Wear jeans & sneakers.
- You will receive your festival t-shirt, to be worn for Sharing Time, after lunch.
- Be ready to sing, move, and play!

Parent Information

Please make checks payable to: SGMM.

The participation fee is \$20 per student if postmarked by April 2 and \$30 thereafter. Student t-shirt cost is included in this fee.

Your child's music teacher will mail all permission slips and fees in one packet for the entire school.

We look forward to meeting parents at the 2:00 Sharing Time!

To be completed by Parent/Guardian

Child _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Grade Level ____

T-Shirt Size

Ch. ____S ____M ____L

Ad. ____S ____M ____L ____X

Parent/Guardian _____

Emergency Contact _____

(In the event that parent can not be reached, If your child has any health conditions they should be aware of and/or will be bringing any medication with him/her to the festival please enclose specifications on a separate sheet of paper.)

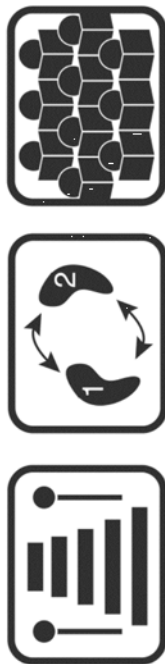
I, _____, allow my child, _____, to participate in the General Music Festival Turners Falls High School, Montague, MA May 16, 2009. I understand that neither the Gill-Montague Regional School District, the Society for General Music in Massachusetts, nor any representatives of either, will be held liable for any injuries that may occur. Also, I give permission for video and photographic images of my child's participation at the festival to be used for educational or publicity purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

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Montague, MA



Society for General Music
in Massachusetts

Teacher Information:

No more than 10 students per grade level

from a school.

One chaperone must stay for the day for every 10 students.

Registration Fee:

\$20/student (Includes t-shirt)

Make checks payable to: SGMM.

(\$30 if not postmarked by April 2, after which we cannot guarantee t-shirt sizes)

Registration Deadline:

April 2, 2009

(Or until grade level fills. After April 2, contact registrar for availability)

Send one packet per school with checks, completed parent registration forms, and completed teacher registration forms to:

Brian Spignese, GMF Registrar
483 South Broadway, Apt. 14
Lawrence, MA 01843

A letter of confirmation will be sent upon receipt of registrations. For registration info, email: brian_spignese@hotmail.com

For more information, contact:
Steve Damon, GMF Coordinator
Sheffield School ~ 40 Crocker Ave.
Turners Falls, MA 01376
sdamon@gmrtd.org

Music Teacher Registrar

(Fill out one to accompany all student permission slips. Please send all permission slips and fees in one packet per school.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

District _____

School _____

Number of students attending _____

Will you be attending? __yes __no

If not, name of chaperone/head chaperone _____

Registration Fee \$20

(Teacher registration waived if attending with your students.)

Adult T-Shirts \$10

(Not included in registration fee)

T-Shirt Size: __S __M __L __XL __>

Total student fees enclosed \$ _____

Adult T-Shirt fee enclosed \$ _____

All student permission slips and fees must be received prior to the day of the festival.

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