



Frustrated Maestros - Eastern Sharps & Flats

June 2023 Special Edition



If you are staying East this year, or if you are travelling to the East this year, there are three great opportunities for the Frustrated Maestros. They include the Northeast Area Rally (NEAR) in Herkimer, New York the first week in August; the Eastern Sharps & Flats 17th Annual Music Camp in Lewisburg, West Virginia the last week of September; and the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR) Lewisburg, West Virginia the first week of October. All three of these are shaping up to be great events for the Maestros.

Northeast Area Rally

Prism of Memories is the theme of the Northeast Area Rally (NEAR) and registration is now open online, by phone, or by mail. It runs August 2 to 6 (departure). The Maestros are scheduled to arrive August 1st (Monday).

The Village of Herkimer is the County Seat of Herkimer County and lies between Syracuse and Albany along



the New York Thruway (I-90). It is famous for its Herkimer Diamonds, which are actually special quartz crystals that are unique to the area. They have naturally diamond-like shapes and diamond-like clarity making



them popular with both professional jewelry makers and hobbyists alike. In addition to the Diamond Mine, there are plenty of sight-seeing opportunities including Fort Herkimer, the Herkimer home site, or you might want to take a cruise on the Erie Canal.

There is a big overlap of membership between the Yankee Doodle Dandies and the Eastern Sharps & Flats so we are expecting a good turnout of instrumentalists, as well as chorus members. Cliff Freed is the President of the YDDs. When you register for the Rally please notify him to let him know you are coming. This assures you will get the proper credentials (as a volunteer) with your registration packet, as well as any last-minute instructions he might need to convey.

Looking forward to seeing you in New York this August.

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ES&Fs 17th Annual Music Camp

Music Camp will be in Lewisburg, West Virginia, September 25-30 and will be back-to-back with the GEAR which, for the Maestros, begins on Sunday, October 1st. So come for Music Camp and stay for GEAR. This year we will be able to stay parked in the same space for both Music Camp and GEAR. We will not have to make the big relocation on Sat-Sun as in the past so the Saturday between Music Camp and GEAR will be a free day. The Fairgrounds has updated its electrical system and we will all have 50 amp full hook-ups.

The format for Music Camp this year will be similar to past years. The morning session will be both chorus and band for group activities and playing through music that we all choose. If you have arrangements in your personal library of things you would like to read through, please bring them with you. We will try to play anything in which we have the necessary personnel to do so. We can also choose music from vast resources we have available including the RED Books, the Marston Library (aka Yellow Pages) and the Dixie Book, Gospel Book, and the GEAR Books.

Afternoons will be reserved for special rehearsals to try some new ideas we will announce later.

Those that have been to past Music Camps can attest to the great time we have playing old favorites and trying out new literature. We have tried to make the experience better each year than the previous year. This should be no exception.

A Music Camp Registration form is the last page of this Newsletter.

17th Annual Music Camp Dates

Early Arrival	Sun <u>Only</u>	Sept. 24
Normal Arrival	Mon	Sept. 25
Music Camp	Tue-Fri	Sept. 26-29
Departure*	Sat	Sept. 30
GEAR Arrival	Sun	Oct. 1

* Unless staying for GEAR



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Come for Music Camp -- Stay for GEAR

Autumn in the Mountains is the very appropriate theme for the Great Eastern Area Rally (GEAR). If Mother Nature does her part, Lewisburg and the Greenbrier Valley should be beautiful the first week in October.



Lewisburg, WV is known as one of the “Coolest Small Towns in America” for a reason: great nearby attractions like the Greenbrier Inn (and the Bunker) and New River Gorge National Park; great shops; great restaurants; and of course, great, friendly people.

The GEAR schedule has not yet been finalized so performances other than Morning Coffees have yet to be determined. Our music will come primarily from the RED Books, select music from the Marston library, and the GEAR Books (will be signed out to you at the Rally). As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for solos and ensembles.

GEAR has always been a favorite of the Frustrated Maestros so we are looking forward to another great rally. Registration is now open online, by phone, by mail.

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One Last Note



We hope you are including these three events in your plans for this summer and fall.

The time following the Northeast Rally in Herkimer and Music Camp would be a great time to explore the Northeast. You might enjoy exploring the Adirondack Mountains in New York or perhaps some time around the Finger Lakes. If you enjoy wine tasting, the Finger Lakes area is like discovering Mecca. You might travel up through New England taking in the sights of the Green Mountains and White Mountains and continue on up through Maine to Acadia National Park, and of course, a few days in Bar Harbor is always a blast.

New England offers plenty to see and do before you head down to Lewisburg, WV for Music Camp and GEAR.

As always, have safe travels. See you soon.



White Mountains—New Hampshire

GEAR Dates

Maestro Arrival	Sun	Oct 1
Rehearsals	Sun-Tues	Oct 1-3
Rally	Wed-Sat	Oct 4-7
Departure	Sun	Oct 8

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Music Camp 2023 Registration Form

Location

State Fairgrounds of West Virginia
891 Maplewood Ave.
Lewisburg, WV 24902

Dates

Music Camp	Tues., Sept 26th through Fri., Sept. 29th
Normal Arrival	Mon., Sept 25th
Optional Early Arrival	Sunday Sept 24th (ONLY)
Departure Date	Sat., Sept. 30th (if not staying for GEAR).
GEAR Arrival Date	Sun., Oct. 1st (must add Sat. night per the worksheet below)




Name _____	Co-Pilot _____
Address _____	Instrument/Voice (SATB) _____
_____	Co-Pilot Instrument/Voice _____
_____	Phone No. _____
Email _____	FMCAF# _____

Music Camp Registration Fee						\$ 200.00		
includes 5 nights of camping with full hookups (30 amp)								
				Number of Nights				
Early Arrival		Sun. (24th)	adds	1	X	30	=	
Staying for GEAR		Sat. (30th)	adds	1	X	30	=	
Total Due								\$

Make your check payable to *Eastern Sharps & Flats* and mail with this form to:

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NOTE

Please have your Registration in by August 28, 2023.

If you have any questions please email, call or text
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