



April, 2026

2026 FBA STATE CONCERT MPA
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY - OPPERMAN MUSIC HALL

DAY OF EVENT CONTACT: KEITH GRIFFIS 904-318-5373

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU!

BY 9:00 AM MONDAY, APRIL 20, PLEASE EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO KGRIFIS@FSU.EDU:

1. Do you need a piano? Yes or No
2. Do you need electrical access? Yes or No
3. Will you be bringing your own percussion equipment? Yes or No
4. Estimated arrival time
5. Number of buses

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Opperman Music Hall is located within the College of Music at Florida State University. The hall and stage have excellent acoustics and will have a complete professional sound shell in place during the event (walls and cloud). The adjudicators will be seated at the back of the hall.

PROVIDED PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS ON STAGE:

Performers are responsible for providing ALL sticks/mallets

- Timpani (5)
- Bass Drum
- Chimes
- 4 1/2-oct. Marimba
- Vibes
- Xylophone
- Orchestra Bells
- Tam-Tam/Gong

GENERAL FLOW OF STATE MPA DAY:

**ALL Movement will occur PRIOR to the posted times for your ensemble!*

1. Buses should arrive for unloading and loading on Copland street right next to the College of Music. Students and instruments can be unloaded directly into the breezeway. A "Band Guide" will meet the buses and provide any last-minute information.
2. Please make sure you have the contact information for your bus drivers!



3. After unloading, buses will be directed to move to University Center B (UCB - located at Doak Campbell Stadium. See [MAP](#)). Unloading must be done during the break before your band's performance block.
4. Bands choosing to bring their own percussion equipment will need to unload their equipment truck in the Opperman parking lot on Convocation Way.
5. Directors will be escorted to the FBA check-in area located in the mezzanine of the Opperman balcony. Adjudicator sheets and school packets will be available in this space after your performance. Note that staircase access is from the Opperman lobby nearest the parking lot. No students or parents are allowed in the mezzanine area.
6. Bands will be shown to an assigned case storage area, based on performance time and order. Students should store all items in this area before going into the hall to listen to other bands or to the warm-up room prior to performance. Take instruments with you to save time during warm-up. Large instruments can be placed in the Opperman lobby during your listening block.

WARM-UP ROOM - LINDSAY RECITAL HALL

1. Chairs and a very limited number of stands will be the only equipment provided in the warm-up room. We cannot guarantee enough stands in warmup for each individual to have their own stand.
2. Bands will enter the warm-up room when directed by guides, prior to the assigned time. Please be ready to enter as we will be moving you to the stage to ensure your performance starts at the assigned time.
3. Once instructed by FBA staff monitoring the warm-up area that it is time to move to the stage, **IT IS TIME TO MOVE TO THE STAGE.**
4. **When the prior band begins their final selection on the main stage:** Your percussion section will be escorted with all of their equipment, to the stage entrance. Once the band on stage has cleared, the percussion section may begin setting up, and the rest of your band in the warm-up room will be escorted to the stage. Once chairs have been set for your band, you will be welcomed to the stage by a member of the stage crew. The stage crew will remain on stage until you are comfortable that your band set is correct. This will



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occur 10 minutes prior to performance time for percussion and 5 minutes prior to performance time for the rest of your band.

5. Please be sure you have your **OWN ANNOUNCER**.
6. Following your performance, your band will exit (front corner STAGE RIGHT), through the seating area in the Hall to seats to watch and listen to other bands as assigned.

SPECTATOR PARKING:

- **Visitor Parking Lot:** Visitor parking is available at the [University Center next to the FSU Visitors' Center](#). Parking is \$2 per hour, with a max of \$10 per day.
- **Hourly Parking:** Hourly parking spaces are [available throughout campus](#) with rates starting at \$1.50 - see the [ParkMobile App](#) for details. These spaces are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Download the [ParkMobile App](#) to easily locate and pay for spaces!
- **Daily Visitor Permit:** Visitor parking permits are available for purchase here: permits.parking.fsu.edu. These permits may be purchased for \$6/daily.
- Vehicles with visitor permits may park in any non-gated faculty/staff space as well as student spaces from 5:45 AM - Midnight, Monday - Friday.

For additional information about parking at FSU: <https://transportation.fsu.edu/visitors>

FSU CAMPUS: [MAP](#)

FOOD OPTIONS:

- Suwanee Dining Hall (please reach out to kgriffis@fsu.edu if this is an option you'd like to consider for your band. Seminole Dining needs advanced notice for parties of 50 or more)
- Student Union
- Governors Square Mall

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD/DRINK INTO THE SEATING AREA.