



WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival University of Wisconsin – La Crosse



May 2, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** No equipment, instruments, or personal property may be left unattended in public spaces including the commons, warm-up rooms, hallways or outside performance sites. Make plans to carry your equipment with you. Check each area before you leave to make sure you have all of your belongings.*

Schedules

Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) created the schedule for this state festival. WSMA did its very best to honor emergency time requests and avoid conflicts whenever possible. If conflicts remain, the largest group from within the same school should have priority. Please inform door monitors if delays are anticipated. If a director finds it necessary to switch event performance times within their own school's entries, this must be done **WITHIN** a room site with notification to the door monitor and the judge. Room changes are **NOT** possible.

Buildings & Warm-Up Rooms

Events will be held in the following buildings:

- Lowe Center for the Arts (primarily vocal events)
- Centennial Hall (primarily instrumental events)

Warm-up rooms are available in each building. **No playing may take place outside of warm-up rooms or performance rooms, including outside.**

Directors: *Please* print and distribute the attached campus maps for your students.

AGAIN, THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT BUILDINGS FOR THIS FESTIVAL

Please tell your students which building they are performing in. Centennial Hall and Lowe Center for the Arts are adjacent to one another, about a minute walk from one to the other. Please encourage them to try to come **at least 45 minutes early**, so they have plenty of time to:

- Park in South Ramp, which is located at 16th and Vine Streets
- Find the correct building
- Find the warm-up area
- Find their site

This will help relax their nerves and the frustration of parents and family members who can't find the location on their own. Parents get very upset if they miss their student's performance because they don't know there are multiple buildings, which building they are performing in, etc. The Coat Check in the Lowe Center lobby will serve as the festival information booth where questions can be answered. The festival headquarters where results are processed will be located in the Lowe Center for the Arts lobby.

Concessions

There are vending machines on the lower level of the Lowe Center for the Arts and on the first floor of Centennial Hall. There are limited options available on Saturdays in the UWL Student Union, including:

Einstein Bagel Bros: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Grilled It: 11:30 am - 7:00 pm

On the Go: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Note: Food and drink are not allowed in performance sites – water only!

Parking

Our new parking ramp has opened – and it has been reserved for solo & ensemble parking on May 2. No need to pay for parking upon arrival. The new ramp is located at 16th and Vine Streets

If you need to unload heavy equipment, percussion, high-tech electronic gear, etc., enter on Pine Street into campus. Slightly go to your right to the temporary fenced in parking lot, C-11. Once you have unloaded the equipment, ***you must remove your vehicle immediately*** to the south parking ramp.

Buses can park in spaces around the parking ramp on 16th and 17th Streets on the north side of UWL's campus. If buses have trouble finding a parking space, please call dispatch at (608) 789-9000.

Results Posting

Results will be posted throughout the day at www.wsmamusic.org. QR codes linking to the results website will be posted throughout both performance site buildings. *Please note:* paper results will no longer be posted in the buildings. Forms will be scanned and emailed to all schools the week following the festival. Official results will also be posted within 48 hours at www.wsmamusic.org.

*Directors ONLY may pick up completed adjudication forms in festival headquarters after the last results for the school have been **posted and recorded**. Results not retrieved will be scanned and emailed from the WSMA office the week following the festival. Result packets will be mailed upon request.*

Equipment Furnished

Most vocal sites have acoustic pianos, but sites 10, 11, and 12 will have a transposing Clavinova. Please plan ahead accordingly or contact WSMA (festivals@wsmamusic.org) with questions. We will do our best to have transposing directions with each piano. A grand piano will be utilized in our piano site in Annett Recital Hall.

Teachers should make a reasonable effort to either find the music in another key or transpose the music themselves.

The following percussion equipment will be provided in Site 1, Band Room (Room 56)

- Set of 4 timpani
- Bass drum with stand
- Marimba (5 octave)
- Vibraphone
- Xylophone
- Bells
- Chimes
- Snare Drum
- Gong
- Drum set

***Directors are responsible for bringing ALL MALLETS/STICKS/BEATERS/CHIME HAMMERS, ETC., and all other accessories, auxiliary and other percussion.

**We hope your visit to UW-La Crosse is rewarding and enjoyable.
Good luck to all of the participants!**

Please share the campus and building site maps with your participating students and their families!

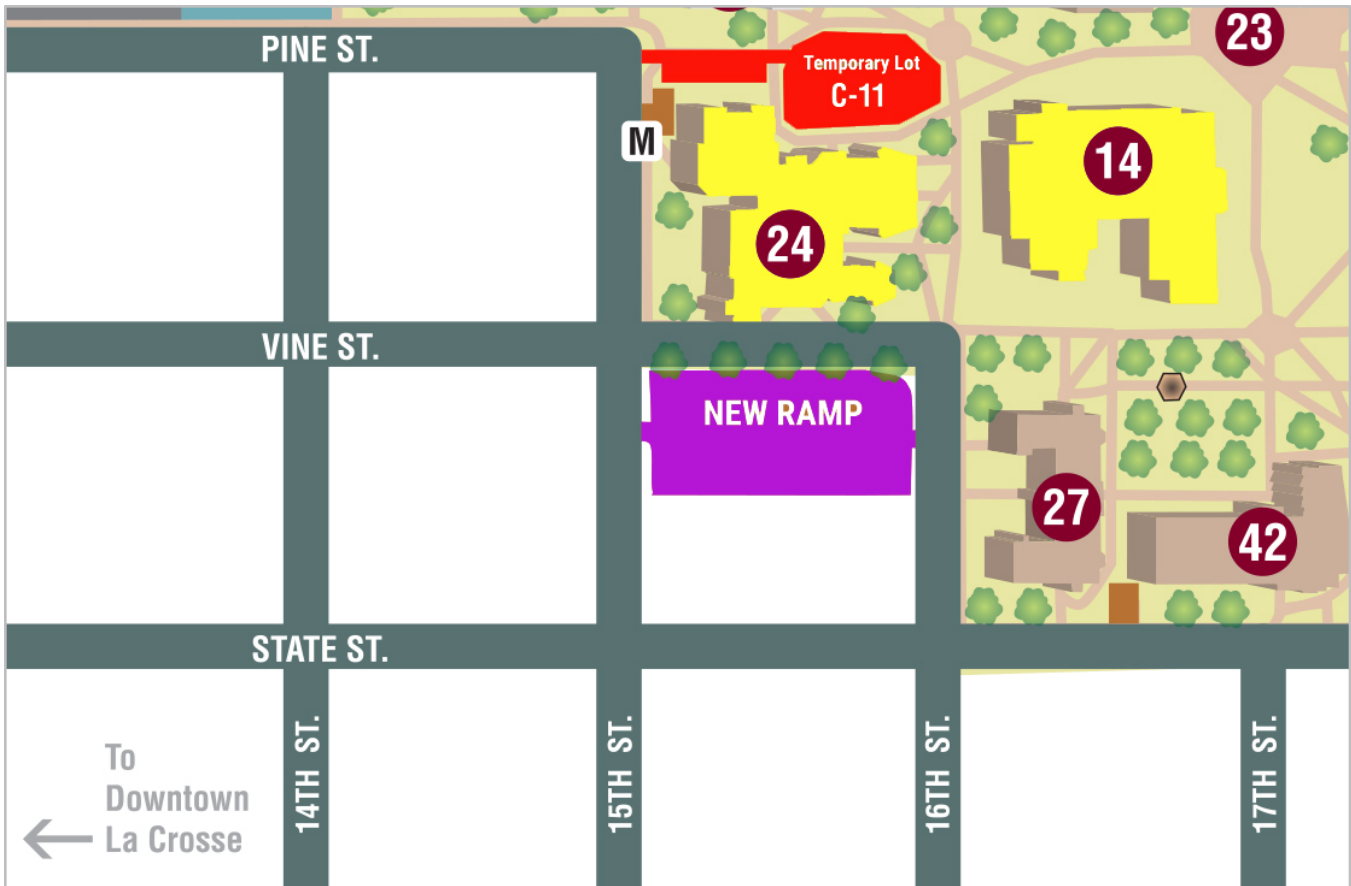
CAMPUS MAP DETAIL

Low Center for the Arts (#24) and Centennial Hall (#14) shaded yellow

All Participant Parking in ramp shaded Purple

Lot C-11 (Adjudicator Parking Only) shaded red, just North of Lowe Center

Headquarters is at Lowe Center for the Arts



CAMPUS MAP COMPLETE

