

Greetings!

I coordinate the All-State Recording Project at the University of South Carolina, and wanted to make sure you were aware of the change in format this year and in the future.

All recordings and written comments are now posted online, and can be accessed from both the U.S.C. School of Music homepage (under "features") and the U.S.C. Bands page (scroll to the bottom of the page). Here are the links:

<http://www.music.sc.edu/>
<http://bands.music.sc.edu/>

While written comments are available for download as PDFs, the recordings are not meant to be downloaded and dispersed; they are streaming, like a radio broadcast, and must be accessed via QuickTime media player. (If you don't have QuickTime, a link to a free download is available on the site).

If you have QuickTime but still have trouble accessing the streaming recordings, I would suggest two options, both of which are listed on the site:

- 1) Email support@mozart.sc.edu. Our computer experts should be able to help you troubleshoot problems -- some people have experienced trouble with browser compatibility, for example.
- 2) Listen to the recordings immediately in an "embedded" format. We have added a link (just above the table with all recordings/comments) to a backup page -- which looks identical to the main page -- with recordings in this format. The main problem with embedded recordings is that they do not always allow multiple listeners to hear the same excerpt simultaneously; so if you have trouble with the backup site, wait a minute and try again.

I hope you find this change from CDs to online recordings more cost-effective and, ultimately, more convenient -- any recording can now be heard free of charge and at any time, provided of course that one has access to a computer (and, ideally, a pair of headphones or decent speakers!).

Please let me know if you have any comments / concerns, etc.

All the best,

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