

September 19, 2009

Dear Director:

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Bands will host the **43rd Annual UWM Honors Band Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 20th, 21st, and 22nd** on our campus, near Milwaukee's beautiful lakefront. The festival includes concurrent high school (grades 9-12) and middle school (grades 6-8) programs throughout the weekend.

We hope that you will **nominate your finest students** to join us for this festival. They will be playing with Wisconsin's most outstanding high school and middle school musicians, and conducted by nationally recognized wind band conductor-clinicians. In addition, your students will be given master classes with applied instrumental faculty from the UWM Department of Music and/or the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and they will have the opportunity to hear performances by many UWM ensembles throughout the festival.

Once again this year, we are offering an on-line nomination procedure for all directors! On-line nominations will be accepted **September 21 through October 14**. Please go to: **arts.uwm.edu/honorsband** and click on the link to **Nominate Students**. You may also use the enclosed paper nomination form, if so desired.

It is *extremely important* to our process that the students you nominate are able to attend the **entire duration of the festival**. And please, **do not nominate students without their knowledge**. If you have difficulties with the on-line procedure, please email *honors-band@uwm.edu*.

Students who are accepted/selected to the festival will be notified by October 24, 2009. In their acceptance packet, the students will receive festival information, the required liability release form, and instructions for how to access the on-line student registration system. The deadline for student registrations will be **November 2, 2009**. The registration fee is \$66.00 per student. **Students will be responsible for the cost of all local transportation needs, meals, and housing**. If necessary, we suggest that students make hotel reservations as soon as they receive their invitation letter from our office.

Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns. We hope your school year is off to a good start, and we wish you the very best in the year that lies ahead.

Sincerely as always,

John Climer
Director of University Bands
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Scott R. Corley
Assistant Director of University Bands
(414) 229-5641

UWM Honors Band Festival – Nomination and Registration Dates to Remember

September 21-23	<i>Directors should receive nominations notice.</i>
Sept. 21–Oct. 14	<i>Director nomination period. See arts.uwm.edu/honorsband (click “Nominate your students”)</i>
October 24	<i>Accepted students should receive acceptance packets at home addresses. Directors will receive a results roster for their students electronically.</i>
Oct. 26–Nov. 2	<i>Student registration system open for accepted students. arts.uwm.edu/honorsband</i>
November 4	<i>Alternate students will begin to be notified, if openings are still available.</i>
November 20 – 22	UWM High and Middle School Honors Band Festival

UWM Honors Band Festival Basic Schedule

A more complete schedule and comprehensive information will be sent to students upon their acceptance to the festival.

Friday, November 20, 2009

- 2:00 – 5:30 pm **Placement Auditions**
- All students will perform a short audition for placement and/or seating into one of the Honors ensembles.
 - Audition requirements are listed on the Honors Band web page (arts.uwm.edu/honorsband).
 - **Students who are accepted will receive the audition requirements with their invitation letter, which is sent directly to their homes.**
 - All auditions must be completed by 5:30 pm. Please encourage your students to arrive early.
- 5:30 – 6:45 pm **Break for Dinner (on your own)**
- Students are actually free/on their own as soon as they complete the check-in and audition process. **Festival staff will NOT be available to supervise students during meal times.** We ask that students/parents/directors plan accordingly.
- 6:45 pm **Seating of ensembles (rehearsal sites)**
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm **Rehearsal I**

Saturday, November 21, 2009

- 8:30 – 10:15 am **Middle School Ensemble Rehearsal II**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **Middle School Master Classes by UWM Faculty**
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **High School Master Classes by UWM Faculty**
- 9:45 – 11:30 am **High School Ensemble Rehearsal II**
- 11:30 – 12:45 pm Break for **Lunch** (on your own), See statement from Friday dinner.
- 1:00 – 3:45 pm **Rehearsal III**
- 4:00 pm UWM Jazz Ensemble and UWM Symphony Band performance
- 5:30 – 6:45 pm **Dinner** (on your own). See statement from Friday dinner.
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm **Rehearsal IV**

Sunday, November 22, 2009

- 9:00 – 11:00 am **Rehearsal V**
- 11:00 – 12:30 pm Break until performances begin
- Students will be on their own at this time. We suggest eat lunch, find a place to change for the concert. *See statement from Friday dinner.*
 - Meeting times for afternoon final performances will begin around 12:30 pm.
- 1:00 pm **Middle School Groups begin performances.**
- 1:00pm-SC Honors Band; 1:45pm-IL Honors Band; 2:15pm-WI Honors Band
 - Middle School students are dismissed at the completion of their group's performance
- 4:00 pm UWM Wind Ensemble performance
- 4:40 pm (approx.) **High School groups begin performances.**
- All high school participants should plan to remain in attendance until the conclusion of the final performance.
- Directors, please contact the PSOA Box Office (414-229-4308) to request one (1) complimentary ticket for any Sunday concert you wish to attend.**

43rd ANNUAL UW-MILWAUKEE HONORS BAND FESTIVAL
November 20-22, 2009 – Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GUEST CONDUCTOR-CLINICIAN & ENSEMBLES INFORMATION

HIGH SCHOOL FESTIVAL ENSEMBLE INFORMATION

- All high school students (grades 9-12) who are accepted to the festival will perform an audition for our UWM Faculty/Staff on Friday, November 20.
- The required audition materials will be available at the Honors Band webpage by November 9, 2009. There will be prescribed audition materials for high school students only.
- The highest-ranking audition results will place those students into the Honors Wind Ensemble. The remaining students will perform with the Honors Symphonic Band.

STEPHEN PRATT, Conductor – High School Honors Wind Ensemble

Prof. Stephen W. Pratt is currently in his twenty-sixth year on the faculty of the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, where he serves as chairman of the Department of Bands/Wind Conducting, personally conducting the internationally acclaimed Wind Ensemble, and teaches graduate courses in wind conducting and wind band history. He is in constant demand as a clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator across the nation and internationally. Recent appearances have included guest conducting the US Army Field Band, all state orchestras and/or bands in Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, Indiana, Illinois and Nevada, as well as at the International School in Beijing, China. Professor Pratt has extensive experience teaching in the public schools of Sturgis, Michigan, where he was responsible for bands and orchestras at the high school and middle school level. He holds degrees from Indiana University and The University of Michigan.

ALFRED WATKINS, Conductor – High School Honors Symphonic Band

Alfred L. Watkins has been Director of Bands at Lassiter (Marietta, GA) High School since 1982. He has established a fine reputation as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor throughout the United States. Mr. Watkins, a native of Jackson, Georgia, received his Bachelor of Music Education from Florida A & M University, with honors in 1976 where he was a conducting student of Dr. William P. Foster and Dr. Julian E. White. Prior to his arrival at Lassiter, he served for six years as Director of Bands at Murphy High School in the Atlanta Public School System. As much a teacher as he is a musician, Mr. Watkins was named “Teacher of the Year” in 1978 and STAR TEACHER in 1982, 1983, 1989, 1994 and 1997. Under Mr. Watkins’ baton, the Lassiter Symphonic Band has acquired a fine reputation of musical excellence. In 1997, the Sousa Foundation listed the Lassiter Symphonic Band in the HISTORIC ROLL OF HONOR OF DISTINGUISHED HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BANDS IN AMERICA, 1920-1997.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FESTIVAL BAND INFORMATION

- The “State” name associated with each middle school (grades 6-8) group reflects the HOME STATE of the guest conductor.
- All middle school students will be pre-assigned to one of the three ensembles, based on the information provided in the Director Nomination process. There will be three “equal” bands.
- Students will be auditioning for chair placement within their sections during the on-site audition on Friday, November 20, 2009.
- There is no prescribed material for the middle school audition, only suggested requirements (see Honors Band website for more information).

CLINTON MARSHALL, Conductor – The “South Carolina” Middle School Honors Band
Clinton Marshall is the former Coordinator of Music for the Baltimore County (MD) Public School System, but now resides in the Lake Murray region of South Carolina. In Baltimore, he supervised the instrumental and vocal music programs in over 160 schools. Under Mr. Marshall’s leadership, the Baltimore County Public Schools developed and implemented creative and unique curricular programs. Prior to this assignment, Clinton Marshall taught instrumental music at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. His concert bands earned a reputation for excellence by consistently receiving superior ratings at District, State, and National Festivals. His contributions to the instrumental music program have been recognized by the National Band Directors Association and the American School Band Directors Association. The Maryland State Senate honored Mr. Marshall in a special proclamation for “his efforts and accomplishments in producing award-winning music students.” Mr. Marshall is active as a clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor.

KIM COUGHLIN, Conductor – The “Illinois” Middle School Honors Band
Ms. Coughlin has taught band in the Summit Hill School District in Frankfort, IL since 1981. She graduated from Northern Illinois University with a degree in Music Education, at which time she accepted the position of the district’s first formally employed band director for students in grades four through eight. As the program grew, more staff has been added, and Kim currently teaches at the junior high level. She presently works with the Junior High Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band and Pep Band. In addition, she implemented a Percussion Ensemble program several years ago that involves both percussionists and wind players, already in the band program, who wish to learn to play percussion. Kim received her Master’s Degree in 2002 from VanderCook College of Music in Chicago, IL. She has served as an adjudicator for IGSMA (Illinois Grade School Music Association) Solo and Ensemble Contests as well as for the high school level Solo and Ensemble Contest. Her bands annually compete in the IGSMA Organizational Competitions at both the district and state level, and regularly receive superior ratings for their performances. Ms. Coughlin is a member of MENC and actively participates in IMEA (Illinois Music Educators Association) concert band and jazz festivals with her students. She has served multiple times as the IMEA District I festival chair and band division chairperson.

JON GILLILAND, Conductor – The “Wisconsin” Middle School Honors Band
Dr. Jon Gilliland recently retired after 19 years in fine arts administration with the Appleton (where he is Coordinator of Fine Arts – Emeritus) and Fond du Lac school districts. He is currently the President of the Wisconsin Music Educators Association, is a member of its publications committee, and serves on the board of directors for the Wisconsin School Music Association, the Wisconsin Alliance for Arts Education, the Fond du Lac Symphonic Band, and recently retired from the Fox Valley Symphony Board. He has been an adjunct instructor at Marian College and UW-Oshkosh and has presented clinics and workshops at state, regional, and national conferences. Presently, Dr. Gilliland is a consultant with several Wisconsin school districts in the areas of arts advocacy and teacher development.

FESTIVAL HOSTS

JOHN CLIMER – Professor of Music and Director of Bands; Conductor, UWM Wind Ensemble; Music Advisor, UWM Youth Music Ensemble program

SCOTT CORLEY – Senior Lecturer in Music and Assistant Director of Bands; Music Director, UWM Youth Wind Ensembles; Conductor, UWM Symphony Band

UWM HONORS BAND FESTIVAL (Nov. 20-22, 2009)
STUDENT NOMINATION FORM – Submit by Oct. 14, 2009
Please print legibly! – Photocopy this form as needed for additional nominations
 (This information may also be submitted online at arts.uwm.edu/honorsband)

DIRECTORS INFO

_____	_____	_____
director's first name	director's last name	director's e-mail address
(_____)	(_____)	(_____)
director's primary school phone		director's alternate phone number

STUDENT INFORMATION – Please make sure all students have knowledge of their nomination.

_____	_____	_____
student's first name	student' last name	student's/family primary e-mail contact
_____		(_____)
student's street mailing address		student's/family primary phone number
_____		(_____)
city	state	zip code
		student's alternate/emergency phone number

School Grade level (2009-10): Circle *one* for this nomination. 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Instrument: Circle *one* for this nomination.

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Flute | Oboe | Bassoon | Clarinet |
| Bass Clarinet | Alto Saxophone | Tenor Saxophone | Baritone Saxophone |
| Trumpet | French horn | Trombone | Euphonium |
| Tuba | String bass | | |

Number of years playing this instrument: Circle *one*. 0-1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10/+

Among all of your nominees, how does this student rank? Circle *one*. Do not assign the same number/value to more than one of your nominees. 1=highest/best student; 20=weakest among your nominees.

- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Has this student previously attended the UWM Honors Band Festival? YES NO

Is this student a member of the WSMA State Honors Program in band? YES NO

Additional comments about this student:

Return completed paper nomination forms to (deadline: October 14, 2009):

UWM HONORS BAND FESTIVAL
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