

WKU HONORS BAND CLINIC, op. 36
January 26, 27, & 28, 2017

Dear Director,

We cordially invite you and your students to participate in the **Thirty-Sixth Annual WKU Honors Band Clinic**. This mailing includes preliminary information regarding the 2017 clinic, along with instructions for nomination of your students online. PLEASE NOTE THE NOMINATION DEADLINE OF **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2016 at midnight**. We must have nomination information by this date in order to notify you in a timely manner of those students who are accepted. Last year, we received more than 750 nominations and selected nearly 400 of the top students from more than 60 high schools in the region to participate in the event.

We have four outstanding clinician/conductors this year that are well respected for their musicianship and dedication to music education:

Joe Hermann, Director of Bands, Tennessee Tech University will conduct the 11/12 Red Band
Dr. Patrick Dunnigan, Director of Bands, Florida State University will conduct the 9/10 Red Band
Dr. Christopher Hughes, Director of Bands, Ithaca College will conduct the 11/12 Gray Band
Mrs. Audrey Peterson-Torres, Director of Bands, Hamilton Southeastern HS (IN) will conduct the 11/12 White Band

I am confident that your students will enjoy working with these fine music educators. Each conductor will present clinics for directors during the event. All participating band directors are also invited to a complimentary luncheon on Friday, January 27th hosted by WKU Bands.

Students selected to participate in the clinic bands will be provided music to prepare and perform for seating auditions, which begin at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th. The WKU Music Department will present the 22nd Annual PRISM concert on Friday, January 22th, which will highlight a variety of ensembles from the WKU music program. The closing Honors Band concert featuring the four clinic bands will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 28th.

Please give immediate and careful attention to the enclosed information and the nomination process. We have tried to simplify the nomination process for you by reducing the amount of information requested about each student. We look forward to receiving your nominations online and seeing you at this year's clinic!

Sincerely,

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The clinic begins with registration and auditions for chairs as the participants arrive between the hours of 3:00 and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th. In the case of weather-related travel delays, late-arriving students will be placed in bands by the clinic director according to their previous accomplishments (if auditions are not possible). The first rehearsal will begin at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26th. The clinic will conclude with a public concert at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 28th in Van Meter Hall. The concert is FREE and open to the public.

In order to maintain the concept of an "Honors" event, each director should nominate **only the most dedicated and accomplished players from their band. Students that are selected typically have previous distinctions as an All-District or All-State level player**, and have earned "Distinguished" ratings at Solo and Ensemble festivals. The players should be listed in order by ability as a performer. We also request that you nominate a "cross section" of instrumentation. We will select as many players as possible from the top of each director's nomination list, and afterwards, select other players according to the instrumentation needs. Of course, the selection process will be sensitive in the areas of achievement (past honors), and then seniority. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS A 9/10 RED HONOR BAND FOR OUTSTANDING FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES ONLY.** Please nominate your **best** freshmen and sophomore students that would qualify for the top chairs in a 9/10 All-District band, or membership in an All-State Band. The 9/10 Red Honor Band will perform second on the concert after the 11/12 Red Band. The White and Gray Bands will be considered equal "second" bands and students will be assigned to these bands in the same manner as we have done in the past.

WE MUST ASSUME THAT STUDENTS NOMINATED WILL ATTEND IF SELECTED. Please check with them *prior* to nomination. Also, it should be noted that attendance at ALL rehearsals is expected. It would be quite unfair to both the clinician and other students to have someone miss evening rehearsals and concerts for ball games, academic team events, etc.

The **registration fee of \$35.00** for each student will be **payable by a single check from your school or boosters** no later than Wednesday, January 18th, 2017. There will be no refund for last minute no-shows except for extenuating circumstances. In the case of event cancellation due to bad weather, all fees will be refunded. Each participating student will receive a **2017 WKU Honors Band Clinic T-Shirt, lunch on Friday, and a complimentary ticket to the 22nd Annual PRISM Concert. The registration fee covers all clinician fees, music expenses, attendance at the PRISM Concert, the Honors Band Concert, and other costs associated with the festival. This event is NOT a fundraiser for the WKU Band program and no WKU employee receives compensation from Registration Fees.** All students must furnish their own instrument; percussionists must furnish their own sticks and mallets.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd, 2016.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL PARTICIPATING
DIRECTORS BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE: Western Kentucky University cannot provide housing for directors or students. Each group will be responsible for their own housing at local motels. Complete information, including motels giving special rates, will be sent with acceptance notices. **Chaperonage is the responsibility of each individual school, not WKU.** There are numerous hotels in Bowling Green but we have arranged a special group rate through the Holiday Inn University Plaza (270-745-0088). They are offering a special rate of \$109.00 per room (quad occupancy), which includes a full, cooked to order breakfast for each guest. We have included a list of Bowling Green area hotels for your convenience.