



## University Bands

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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to once again invite you to participate in New Mexico State University's Thirty-Fifth Annual SW Honor Band and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Orchestra Festival. This year's festival promises to continue the tradition of musical collaboration, excellence, and education you have come to expect from New Mexico State University Music Department. We urge all of you to encourage your students to participate in this inspiring weekend.

Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra will be held on **February 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Your students will have the opportunity to register and submit their audition online by the deadline of midnight on December 1, 2016. These auditions will then be sent to a NMSU applied faculty member to be judged and results will be sent to you by December 12<sup>th</sup> along with permission forms and additional information. The audition link is: <https://form.jotform.com/62735193069159>  
The audition material is the same as the 2016 All-State band and orchestra requirements.

The Music Department is excited to welcome the following guest clinicians to SW International Honor Band and Orchestra:

- Guest conductor of the SW Wind Symphony- Allan McMurray, Retired Director of Bands of the University of Colorado
- Guest conductor of the SW Symphonic Band- Dr. Matthew Roeder, Associate Director of Bands of University of Colorado
- Guest conductor of the SW Orchestra- Dr. Erik Johnson, Associate Professor of Music Education at Colorado State University and conductor of the Greater Boulder Youth Orchestra

This SW International Honor Band and Orchestra will continue to offer opportunities for directors to receive professional development. We will extend workshops and clinics throughout the weekend to benefit you and your students. In efforts to encourage directors to participate in SWIHBO clinics, concerts, and events NM State Bands will cover hotel costs for two nights (Fri and Sat) for directors (rooms will be shared three to a room). All we ask in return is full participation in clinics and concerts throughout the weekend.

The Music Department, per NMSU Law Counsel, can no longer be overseer for all Honor Band and Orchestra students. There will be a request that this year a Director/s either accompanies their students or sends a chaperone/s of their choice to accompany their students to this event; this will include the hotel stay as well. We know your students work diligently for this opportunity and New Mexico State University wants to ensure their safety and security while they are attending this musical opportunity. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and understanding regarding this change.

Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra will be an exciting and memorable experience for students and their directors. We look forward to seeing you there!

Musically Yours,

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