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BANDS

Dear Colleagues,

It is with distinct pleasure that I invite you and your wonderful students to participate in the 36th Annual Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra Festival (SWIHBO). I know that by participating in this fantastic event, your students will have a wonderful experience full of music making with other enthusiastic young musicians, faculty, and guest conductors.

The Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra Festival will be held on **February 9-11, 2018**. Onsite auditions will be held at the following locations:

- Hobbs High School – Thursday, December 7 – 7:30am – 10:00am
- Clovis High School – Monday, December 11 – 8:00am – 11:00am
- Albuquerque High School – Tuesday, December 12 – 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- Coronado High School – Thursday, December 14 – 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- Bel Aire High School – Friday, December 15 – 5:00pm – 9:00pm
- New Mexico State University Department of Music – Saturday, December 16 – 4:00pm – 9:00pm

In addition to onsite auditions, application information along with procedures for submitting audition recordings can be found online at <https://music.nmsu.edu/index.php/en/southwest-honor-band-orchestra>. Results will be posted online and sent to directors by Monday, December 18 along with permission forms and additional information. Also, please take a moment to read the information about the new SWIHBO Solo Competition and the scholarship possibilities for your students.

This year, the guest conductors for the honor ensembles are:

- **Southwest Wind Symphony – Dr. Danh Pham, Director of Bands at Washington State University**
- **Southwest Symphonic Band - Dr. Sarah Labovitz, Associate Director of Bands at Arkansas State University**
- **Southwest Orchestra – Dr. Christopher Kelts, Director of Orchestras at Missouri State University**

In addition to offering a wonderful musical experience for your students, we also offer opportunities for directors to receive professional development. Workshops/Clinics will be offered throughout the weekend and hotel rooms may be offered for directors that wish to fully participate in the clinics and concerts offered.

Participating students will need to be chaperoned by a school representative during their participation in the SWIHBO Festival. This includes their stay in the hotel.

In 2001, I myself was a participant in this wonderful festival and to this day I am still in touch with many wonderful friends that I met while playing in the honor band. I can also say that participating in this festival played an influential role in my choice to become a musician. It is our hope that this festival weekend will be an exciting and memorable experience for students and their directors alike.

We look forward to seeing all of you here.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael W. Mapp', written in a cursive style.

Michael W. Mapp
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SOUTHWEST INTERNATIONAL HONOR BAND AND ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Woodwinds & Brass

- Scales:
 - Chromatic Scale – should be played in as many octaves as possible, in 8th notes at a quarter note = 92 tempo
- Etudes:
 - Students should perform two contrasting (slow/lyrical & fast/technical) excerpts from their state of residence All State audition materials.

Percussion

- Percussionists will need to submit a recording of an excerpt on the following:
 - Snare
 - Marimba
 - Timpani
 - Multi-Perc. (optional)

SUBMITTING AUDITION VIDEOS

Students submitting an online audition should do the following:

- Create a video. Using a smart phone is perfectly fine.
 - The video should be made with the auditioning student in full view. The student should announce:
 - Full Name
 - Grade
 - High School
 - The student should play the audition materials in the following order:
 - Scale
 - Etudes
 - Upload the video to YouTube or similar format (cloud, google drive, etc)
 - Provide the link on the online application found on the NMSU Dept. website.

SOUTHWEST INTERNATIONAL HONOR BAND & ORCHESTRA

SOLO SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

This year, the Southwest International Honor Band & Orchestra Festival invites interested students to take part in the first ever Solo Competition. This competition will recognize at least one outstanding musician for their musical accomplishments and reward them with a scholarship should they attend New Mexico State University and major in music. The winner of the competition will be announced during the festival. In order to receive the award, the winner must attend SWIHBO. An accompanist

Students should indicate on their application whether or not they plan to take part in this event by checking the appropriate box. Scholarships amounts may range from \$500 – \$1,000.

Requirements for the competition are as follows:

- Perform a solo no longer than 7 minutes in length and submit video recording as part of audition process to the SWIHBO.

36th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST INTERNATIONAL HONOR BAND & ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 9 – 11, 2018

SOUTHWEST ORCHESTRA SOUTHWEST SYMPHONIC BAND SOUTHWEST WIND SYMPHONY

PARTICIPANTS: You are required to attend ALL events as outlined on this schedule. If you cannot attend all of the rehearsals and concerts, please call the band office at 575.646.2304 so we may allow an alternate to participate in your spot.

All participants will be required to pay a \$35.00 registration fee. It is strongly recommended that this fee for students is paid by check from the school. Checks should be made payable to NMSU Bands. Individuals may make payment by cash or check if necessary. Payment and permission forms should be mailed to the following address no later than **January 26, 2018**.

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PO Box 30001
Las Cruces, NM. 88003

All participants should **BRING A MUSIC STAND TO ALL REHEARSALS**. The stand should be properly labeled with the name of the student and their school.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2018

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| 10:00am | Registration – Music Center Lobby |
| | Strings Seating Auditions – Applied Offices |
| 11:00am | Lunch – Provided by NMSU Bands |
| 12:00pm | General Meeting & Introduction of Faculty – Atkinson Recital Hall
Jazz Ensemble Performance |
| 12:45pm | Small Ensemble Clinic/Coaching with Applied Faculty |
| | Flutes – Lisa Van Winkle |
| | Clarinets – Laroy Borchert |
| | Double Reeds – Katie Brennan |
| | Saxophones – Rhonda Taylor |
| | Horns – Nancy Joy |
| | Trumpets – Pancho Romero |
| | Low Brass – Allan Kaplan & James Shearer |
| | Percussion – Fred Bugbee |
| 12:45pm | String Sectionals – Applied Offices |
| 2:45pm | Small Ensemble Mini-Recital – Recital Hall |
| 4:00pm | Dinner – Provided by NMSU Bands |

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2018 (CONT'D)

5:30pm Rehearsals
Wind Symphony with Dr. Danh Pham in Recital Hall
Symphonic Band with Dr. Sarah Labovitz in Band Room
Orchestra with Dr. Christopher Kelts in Choir Room

8:45pm Dismissal Meeting – Recital Hall

9:00pm Return to Hotel/Home

11:00pm Lights Out

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2018

7:30am Breakfast at Hotel

8:30am Rehearsals
Wind Symphony with Dr. Danh Pham in Recital Hall
Symphonic Band with Dr. Sarah Labovitz in Band Room
Orchestra with Dr. Christopher Kelts in Choir Room

9:30 – 10:30am Orchestra Sectionals
Violins – Choir Room
Violas – Room 104
Cellos/Basses – Room 107

10:30 – 11:30am Wind Symphony Sectionals
Flutes – Media Lab
Clarinets – Room 104
Oboes – Brennan’s Office
Bassoons – Smyth’s Office
Saxophones – Green Room
Horns – Room 107
Trumpets – Jazz Room
Low Brass – Honor’s College
Percussion – Recital Hall

11:30 – 12:30pm Symphonic Band Sectionals
Flutes – Media Lab
Clarinets – Room 104
Oboes – Brennan’s Office
Bassoons – Smyth’s Office
Saxophones – Green Room
Horns – Room 107
Trumpets – Jazz Room
Low Brass – Honor’s College
Percussion –Band Room

12:45pm Lunch

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Judges/Applied Faculty – Catered
All Others – ON OWN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2018 (CONT'D)

- 2:30pm Masterclasses with Applied Faculty and Collegiate Studios
Flutes – Band Room
Clarinets – Room 104
Double Reeds – Media Lab
Saxophones – Green Room
Horns – Room 107
Trumpets – Jazz Room
Low Brass – Honor's College
Percussion – Recital Hall
- 4:00pm Rehearsals
Wind Symphony with Dr. Danh Pham in Recital Hall
Symphonic Band with Dr. Sarah Labovitz in Band Room
Orchestra with Dr. Christopher Kelts in Choir Room
- 5:45pm Dinner – On Your Own
- 7:00pm Report to Recital Hall
- 7:30pm NMSU Showcase Concert – Recital Hall
NMSU Symphonic Band – Dr. Steven Smyth, conductor
NMSU Philharmonic – Maestro Simon Gollo, conductor
NMSU Wind Symphony – Dr. Michael W. Mapp, conductor
- 9:00pm Return to Hotel/Home
- 11:00pm Lights Out

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018

- 7:30am Breakfast at Hotel, Check Out
- 8:30am Rehearsals
Wind Symphony with Dr. Danh Pham in Recital Hall
Symphonic Band with Dr. Sarah Labovitz in Band Room
Orchestra with Dr. Christopher Kelts in Choir Room
- 11:30am Lunch & Change Into Concert Attire
Concert Black – No Marching Band Uniforms
- 12:30pm The College Talk – Mapp & Smyth – Recital Hall
- 1:00pm Concert Report Time
Symphonic Band – On Stage
Orchestra – Choir Room
Wind Symphony – Band Room
- 1:30pm Concert Begins – Recital Hall
Order: Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Announcement of Solo Winner, Wind Symphony
- 3:30pm Conclusion – See You Next Year!!

36th ANNUAL SOUTHWEST INTERNATIONAL HONOR BAND & ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

INFORMATION

HOUSING

All non-local students (those living outside the Las Cruces/El Paso area) will be staying at the **Sleep Inn, 575.522.1700** or the **Comfort Suites, 575.522.1300**. Check-in may occur after registration and during lunch beginning at 10:00am on Friday, February 9, 2018. You may contact the hotels personally for early check-in.

Directors attending the SWIHBO Festival weekend will need to notify the band office no later than January 26, 2018 to have their room (2 directors to a room) paid for by NMSU Bands. Otherwise your room will be your responsibility.

Others (parents, chaperones, etc...) need to make and pay for their own arrangements but we will block rooms at each hotel if you would like to book from those for your stay. Room rates vary from \$79 - \$99 a night.

Students and their directors will be notified which hotel your school will be assigned. Special arrangements must be made with the band office at 575.646.2304 if you will not be staying at the hotel and are a non-local student.

MEALS

NMSU Bands will pay for all festival costs **except** some meals, travel, and a **\$35.00** registration fee. Corbett Center and University Avenue has a variety of dining areas to accommodate large groups of students to eat on and off campus. There are a number of restaurants within walking distance from the Music Center.

PARKING – SHUTTLE

(To be completed by Trista)

CHAPERONES

Per NMSU Legal Counsel, NMSU Music Faculty and Students are not responsible for students while they stay in the hotel. Students must be chaperoned by a representative from their school or a parent/guardian. ***Schools/studios will need to provide directors or chaperones for their students attending.***

CONCERT ATTIRE

All participants should plan for concert attire and bring with them the appropriate items. Concert attire is the same for everyone. Black Pants, Black Dress Shirt, Black Socks, and Black Shoes. **NO MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS.**

REHEARSAL ITEMS

All participants should bring a music stand. make sure to label the stand with participant's name and name of school. Music and folders will be passed out at the first rehearsal. Music will be made available to all participants for online download in order to prepare for the festival in January.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO PAY A \$35.00 REGISTRATION FEE. A SCHOOL CHECK IS PREFERABLE BUT INDIVIDUALS MAY ALSO SUBMIT PAYMENT BY CHECK OR CASH. ALL FORMS AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BY JANUARY 26, 2018.

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SPECIAL EVENT PERMISSION FORM

COMPLETE FORM & RETURN TO FOLLOWING ADDRESS WITH \$35.00 FEE.

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Participant Name: _____ Gender _____ Birth Date _____

Event: Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra Festival

High School: _____ Sponsor/Teacher: _____

Event Dates: February 9 – 11, 2018

Arrival Time: 10:00am Concluding Time: 4:00pm

Transportation Offered During Event: NMSU Shuttle Service from Hotel to Music Center

Purpose of Trip: Participation in the Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra Festival.

Destination: Sleep Inn – 2121 S. Triviz Dr., Comfort Suites – 2101 S. Triviz Dr., & 1075 N. Horshoe (Music Center).

Do Participants need to bring money for expenses/meals? Yes X

Other Expenses: \$35.00 Registration Fee Payable to NMSU Bands

Prepaid Expenses: Some Meals and Hotel Rooms for Participants

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____ hereby give my permission for the student to participate in the event described above. I understand that this is a school-sponsored trip and that all school rules apply. Student violations of school rules will be subject to school discipline procedure. In addition, a student may be sent home at parent/guardian expense for violation of rules.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

PARENT SIGNATURE

In the case of a medical emergency, I hereby grant parental/guardian permission for emergency medical treatment. As parent/guardian, I expect to be contacted about any medical emergency as soon as reasonably possible. My contact phone is _____ . Insurance coverage for medical emergencies is required for trips. My insurance coverage is provided by:

_____ Policy #: _____

Insurance Contact Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian Permission for emergency medical treatment: _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

****permission expires at the completion of this event***

PLEASE LIST ALL MEDICATION, ALLERGIES TO MEDICINES, FOOD ALLERGIES, AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS ON THE BACK