

**Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association
2009-2010 High School Honor Band Festival**

Northwest Iowa High School Honor Band Committee

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Here is the information needed to get your students involved in the Northwest Iowa High School Honor Band. Please read this information carefully!

Nominations Your nomination form is available on the NWIBA website. Please read the instructions before filling it out. **This nomination form and fees must be postmarked by Monday, Oct. 19.** All schools sending in their nomination forms postmarked after the deadline will be placed in the audition schedule at the discretion of the auditions/student membership chair, and will be assessed a \$50 penalty fee. You may nominate as many students as you feel are capable of the audition requirements. All nominees will receive an audition time. However, not all students who audition will be selected to participate in the Honor Band. After your nominations are received, the committee will assign a center and time for each student and send the form back to you with detailed information about the audition day.

Nomination Fees \$5.00 per student nominated. This is the only fee to be paid throughout the Honor Band process. (Unless a school's nomination forms are postmarked after October 19, where a \$50 penalty fee will be assessed) **PLEASE NOTE: All directors must have their IBA and NWIBA dues paid before any of their students can participate.**

Those without dues paid will not have their students assigned!

Audition Day The auditions will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at Storm Lake Middle School, 1811 Hyland Drive. Times of auditions will be assigned after your nominations have been received. Please be aware that this is the same day as the Northwest Iowa Junior High Honor Band Festival.

Audition Materials All audition requirements are listed on the NWIBA website. Please examine them carefully before making your nominations. Students may audition by videotape. A student's taped audition must be continuous (no breaks), and all scales/assigned etudes must be performed. Students auditioning by videotape cannot be placed 1st chair in their section. Videotapes need to be brought to a committee member 1st thing on audition day. Students selected to the honor band will receive their music on audition day. **It is then the responsibility of the student and their director to prepare the music before the January 10 festival.**

You should notice on the ballot this year is a place to check "Yes" if your student would like to be considered to participate in the Northwest Iowa Honors Orchestra. If you check this, that student's name will be passed along for consideration for the honors orchestra. This does not mean they are selected at this point! A list of names in order of how they scored at the honor band auditions will be sent along to the organizer of the Honors Orchestra. The Northwest Iowa Bandmasters will not be part of this selection process beyond submitting names. We will assume the contact is the high school band director. If this should be different, please report this to the committee on audition day. Keep in mind that this is new to us as well and we will do our best to help out the honors orchestra have the best players in the district.

If you have any other questions, please e-mail Casey Kingdon at ckingdon@cherokee.k12.ia.us

Important Dates

Please mark these dates on your calendar and school calendar today!

October 19, 2009--nomination deadline date

November 7, 2009--auditions at Storm Lake Middle School, 1811 Hyland Drive

January 9, 2010--festival date, Eppley Auditorium, Morningside College, Sioux City

Instrumentation

The instrumentation for each of the two equal honor bands will approximately be:

12 flutes/piccolos (6-6)	6 alto saxophones
3 oboes	3 tenor saxophones
3 bassoons	3 bari saxophones
30 Bb soprano clarinets (5-10-15)	12 trumpets (4-4-4)
2 Eb soprano clarinets	12 horns (3-3-3-3)
2 Eb alto clarinets	10 trombones (3-3-4)

3 Bb bass clarinets	5 baritone horn/euphonium
2 contra bass clarinets	5 tubas
1 string bass	# of percussionists may vary determined by needs of music

Exact instrumentation for each band will be determined by committee members based on the pieces being performed on the festival concert.

All percussionists must audition on snare, mallets, and timpani.

Every school sending students to audition should be represented at this festival. You may designate one student as a "shoe in," to be added to the festival band if none of your students are selected through the audition process. **Students playing double reeds, alto saxophone, string bass, or percussion are not eligible for a "shoe in" position.**

NWIBA High School Honor Band Festival Directors

(Blue Band) Dr. Calvin Hofer, Director of Bands at Mesa State

(Red Band) Dr. Jay Gilbert, Director of Bands at Doane College

Music Blue Band

Grand Mesa – Eric Ewazen

Pieces of Eight – Carolyn Bremer

Dynasty – Jason Nitsch

American Elegy – Ticheli

Music Red Band

Fanfare of the Bells – William Gordon

Salvation is Created – Tschnokov/Houseknecht

Suite Divertimento – Jay Gilbert

Military Escort – Bennett ed. Fennell

Since costs for running this festival continue to rise, we would like to borrow as much music listed above as possible. Please take a few minutes to check your files. You may bring music to the fall reading clinic (Sept. 5), or send to:

Michael Prichard
Bishop Heelen High School
1021 Douglas St.
Sioux City, IA 51105
712-252-0573

Festival Day Information

The High School Honor Band Festival will be held on January 9, 2009 in Sioux City at the Eppley Auditorium on the campus of Morningside College. Make sure that you are prepared for a full day of playing and performing. Here is the schedule for January 9:

Hofer's Band (Blue Band)

9:30 Full band rehearsal in auditorium
10:40 break
10:50 rehearse in auditorium
12:00 lunch
1:30 rehearse in room 100
3:00 break
3:10 rehearse in room 100
4:30 dinner break
Leave all instruments/music/stands in room 100

6:30 tune up in room 100
6:50 move to auditorium reserved seats with music & instruments

Gilbert's Band (Red Band)

9:30 rehearse in room 100
10:30 break
10:40 rehearse in room 100
12:00 lunch
1:30 rehearse in auditorium
3:10 break
3:20 rehearse in auditorium
4:30 dinner break
Leave all stands on stage. Leave instruments & cases back stage.

6:30 be on stage, ready to tune
7:00 Concert