October 01, 2017

Dear Director,

Marshall University School of Music will host its annual Middle School Honor Band Festival on Friday, December 01, 2017. We are excited to have the opportunity for our faculty to interface with the middle school music students in the Tri-State area and hope that you will seriously consider supporting our event by nominating your music students for potential membership in our ensembles.

Please find attached with this letter, information regarding the nomination process. Please note the requirements (Schedule of Activities and Participation Fee) included in the attached information. Upon receipt of your nominations, you will receive further information regarding the selection process and a final rehearsal and performance schedule. We sincerely hope that you will partner with Marshall University in this endeavor and we look forward to working with your students. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can make this festival the most positive experience for your music students.

**PLEASE NOTE: This year we will be adding a Wind Ensemble as our “top” band. Please indicate in your nominations ONE PLAYER PER INSTRUMENT that may be assigned to our Wind Ensemble. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Susan Smith, Educational Consultant for Music for All and President of the Alabama Music Educators Association, will be conducting this ensemble. Your students will receive instruction from a nationally recognized conductor and music educator. Please nominate only your most outstanding players specifically for this ensemble. Other students will be assigned to the Symphonic Band in order of your nomination, then equally distributed in the Green and White bands.**

We are pleased to also announce our guest conductors representing the Tri-State area: Mr. John Johnson, Boyd County High School – Boyd County, KY; Mr. Chris Wyscarver, Chesapeake High School – Lawrence County, OH; Mr. Geary Jack, Winfield High School – Putnam County, WV. These conductors bring an incredible amount of experience to the podium and will provide an exciting day of music education for your students!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact us through any of the provided information below. We hope to see you soon on the Marshall campus.

Sincerely,

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