



Director of Bands

December 14, 2016

Dear Director,

The Marshall University School of Music will host its annual 2017 High School Honor Band Festival Thursday, February 09 – 11, 2017. We are excited to have the opportunity for our faculty to interface with the high 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.

High School concert bands/wind ensembles that are interested in applying to perform at the 3:00 PM concert on Friday, 10 February 2017 during the festival should send a recording of at least 2 selections from a live concert within the past year (cds or email mp3s) to Brian O. Walden – address below, no later than 09 January 2017 to be considered for invitation to perform. Recordings will be evaluated by a committee of MU faculty, and invitations will be forwarded to 2 selected bands by January 14, 2017.

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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**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL 2017**  
**THURSDAY – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 - 11, 2017**

**The Nomination Process**

Please nominate as many of your 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade students as you would like, but please list them in the order that you would want them chosen. If you really want student “X” to come, then please place their name toward the top of your list. We will endeavor to include as many of your students as possible dependent upon the number of nominations we receive. Our goal is to include as many students as possible. At this time, we expect to seat three equal bands.

**The Selection Process and Band Assignment**

Registration is now open on our band website. [www.marshall.edu/band](http://www.marshall.edu/band). Please complete your registration form by January 20, 2017. Each entry will be placed in the order in which it was received. The first student from each school will be selected, followed by the second, and so on until all sections are filled based on instrumentation needed. Assignment to one of the three bands will be by audition assigned registration.

**Check-in and Registration (Directors and representatives)**

Check-in and registration for Directors and representatives will be on February 9, 2017, Thursday afternoon at 12:00 PM. NOTE: Auditions will be completed before the dinner hour and rehearsals begin Thursday evening! Check-in and registration will be in Smith Music Hall Room 123 (corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. and Hal Greer Blvd.). Parking instructions will be outlined in future correspondence.

**Auditions & Audition Materials**

Auditions will be held beginning at 2:00 PM. Thursday, February 9 at Smith Music Hall. They will be done slightly differently this year. Instead of assigning definite times for each group, you will be allowed to register your ensemble between 12:00 -1:30 PM and individual audition times will be assigned at that time. If you will not be able to register your students in that time frame, please contact us to work out another option. Audition materials for wind players are: major scales up to and including 4 sharps and 4 flats, chromatic scale and sight reading. Percussionists will be given a sight-reading exercise. Your students will be assigned an audition time upon arrival. Students may warm up in one of our practice rooms located on the second and third floor or in the band room. It is our goal to finalize the personnel in each band by Thursday afternoon before the dinner hour. A list will be emailed to each of you and posted around the School of Music and Henderson Center. Please have your students in the assigned rehearsal space on time Thursday to ensure rehearsals can begin on time.

**Registration Fee**

The cost of attending the MU Festival Band is \$25.00 per student. For this, each student receives a custom Festival Band Medal and a Festival Band T-Shirt. Checks should be made out to “MU Kappa Kappa Psi”. We will also be accepting credit cards this year if it will help you out. Please pay the registration fees on Thursday, February 9 when you check in (Directors or their representatives only please).

### **Rehearsal & Concert Sites**

Rehearsals for the "John Marshall" band will take place on the Smith Music Hall (SMH) stage; rehearsals for the "Thundering Herd" band will take place in the Smith Music Hall Band Room; rehearsals for "Marco's Marauders" band will take place in the Marching Thunder Band Complex located on Level A of the Henderson Center Basketball Arena. The band entrance is on the east side of Henderson Center through the doors with the Marching Thunder logo.

### **Festival Weekend and Concert Dress**

Please ask your students to dress appropriately for the weekend. School clothes and jeans are fine. Please no provocative clothing. For the concert, please plan to wear band uniforms. Members of auxiliary squads (color guard, majorettes, etc.) should wear a regular band uniform if possible.

### **Music Stands**

We ask that each school bring one music stand for every two students selected for the Festival. Baritone Saxes and horns, or other instruments not normally doubled should bring individual stands. This is very important because we do not own enough stands here at Marshall to provide stands for students at the festival. Please mark the stands clearly so you can quickly identify them at the conclusion of the festival and take them home.

### **Amenities**

Each student is given a Festival Band medal and MU Festival Band T-shirt. The MU Chapter of the Society of Composers, Inc. will be recording the concert and offering CDs for \$12.00 outside of the Recital Hall in the hallway of Smith Music Hall the evening of the concert.

### **Meals**

All campus dining facilities at the Memorial Student Center and Harless Dining Hall will be open. Students may also go off-campus to eat. There are several restaurants and fast food places within easy walking distance from campus.

### **Parking for Buses**

Parking information for individuals and buses will be forwarded in the future via separate correspondence.

### **Directions**

To Smith Music Hall from I-64, either direction: take Exit 11 (Hal Greer Boulevard), follow Hal Greer north all the way until you run into 3rd Ave. The music building will be on the corner, on your right. Third Avenue is a one-way street that runs west, toward town.

To Smith Music Hall from Hwy. 52 (Ohio): Take the ramp to your right to Chesapeake, Huntington near the end of Hwy. 52. You will be in Chesapeake, OH and will simply need to cross the bridge to be in Huntington. After you cross the bridge, look for 4th Ave. (don't worry if you pass it, simply turn left onto 5th Ave.), turn left onto 4th Ave. and follow it until it runs into Hal Greer Blvd. (5th runs into Hal Greer also). Take a left onto Hal Greer. The music building will be on your right.

### **School of Music Auditions and Marching Band Scholarship Auditions (seniors only)**

Seniors wishing to audition for scholarships and entrance into the MU Department of Music and tuition scholarships through the marching band will have an opportunity to do so on Friday, during the 1:00 p.m. rehearsal. Please contact Adam Dalton at 304-696-2345 or daltona@marshall.edu for information regarding requirements and application forms, and to reserve a time slot. Students must complete the School of Music Application and submit it to the School of Music. They must also request an audition using the online form.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

The tentative rehearsal schedule for all bands is as follows:

#### **Thursday, February 9, 2017**

12:00 PM Check in at Smith Music Hall Room 123

(audition results will be emailed to Directors and posted in Smith Music Hall and the Henderson Center).

12:30 PM auditions as assigned upon registration

Dinner on your own

7:00 – 9:00 PM Rehearsal

#### **Friday, February 10, 2017**

9:00 Rehearsal

10:30 Break

10:45 Rehearsal

11:45 Lunch

1:00 Rehearsal

#### **1:00 - Auditions for MU music - interested seniors only**

3:00 Invited High School Honor Band Concert Smith Music Hall Stage (see email details).

4:30 Master Classes (room assignments will be posted in Smith Music Hall and the Henderson Center).

5:30 Dinner on your own

6:30 Rehearsal

7:30 Break

8:00 The Marshall University Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band- Smith Recital Hall Stage

## **Saturday, February 11**

9:00 Rehearsal

10:30 Break

10:45 Rehearsal

11:45 Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 John Marshall Band - Dress Rehearsal (not in uniform) on SMH stage

1:50 - 2:35 Thundering Herd Band- Rehearsal on stage (uniform optional)

2:40 - 3:25 Marco's Marauders - Rehearsal on stage in uniform

3:30 Hall opens for seating

3:45 Marco's Marauders on stage ready for concert

3:45 Thundering Herd Band meet in Band Room

4:00 CONCERT- Marco's Marauders Band- Smith Recital Hall

4:15 John Marshall Band meet in Choir Room

4:45 CONCERT- Thundering Herd Band - Smith Recital Hall

5:15 CONCERT- John Marshall Band

\*\*Due to limited seating capacity of the Recital Hall Auditorium we ask that parents/friends of Thundering Herd and John Marshall Bands wait until their band performs to enter the auditorium. We also ask parents/friends of students in Marco's Marauders Band please release your seats to others after Marco's Marauders portion of the concert. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions you may have. We look forward to hosting you and your students on our campus.

# Marshall University School of Music

## High School Honor Band Festival

**FEBRUARY 9 – 11, 2017**  
NOMINATE YOUR STUDENTS AT:  
[WWW.MARSHALL.EDU/BAND](http://WWW.MARSHALL.EDU/BAND)

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