The Wright State University School of Music is proud to present the 3rd Annual Honor Band Festival & Director Workshops! We are excited to welcome you to our campus for two full days of music making and collaboration! The Festival will be held Thursday, February 16 through Saturday, February 18, 2023 and we are excited to add an Honor Jazz Band to the festival this year. Conductors for 2023 include: Alfred Watkins, Matthew Spradlin, Heather Marsh-Myers, Matt Frost, Gretchen McNamara, and Shelley Jagow.

**STUDENT NOMINATION PROCESS**

- The application for each school to nominate their best students is located online at: [https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music/wright-state-university-honor-band-festival](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music/wright-state-university-honor-band-festival) (nominate up to 10 High School Concert Band + 10 Middle School Concert Band + 5 High School Jazz Band)
- Deadline to submit nominations is Monday, December 5, 2022.
- Directors/Private Teachers, by submitting your nominations you have confirmed student availability and interest in participating if selected.
- We will make every effort to be sure that at least one student from your nomination list will be accepted so that ALL schools who submit a form will have representation at the Honor Band Festival.
- Students and their respective directors will be notified by Monday, December 19, 2022 as to their acceptance to one of the Honor Bands.

**LOCATION**

- All ensembles will rehearse in the Creative Arts Center on the Wright State University campus.

**HONOR BAND CONCERTS**

- The Honor Jazz Band (Frost) will perform a final concert on Friday, February 17 at 7:00 PM in Festival Playhouse at WSU
- All Honor Concert Bands will perform a final concert on Saturday, February 18 in Schuster Hall at WSU
  - Middle School Honor Band (Marsh-Myers) Performance is at 12:00 Noon
  - High School Symphonic Honor Band (Spradlin) Performance is at 1:00 PM
  - High School Wind Symphony Honor Band (Watkins) Performance is at 2:00 PM
- There is no admission required for the final concert performances

**MUSIC PREPARATION**

- Music parts will be posted on the WSU School of Music website and only accessible to student musicians via a password protected login. This information will also be sent to Directors.
- All parts will be posted at least 2 weeks in advance of the Festival. Directors, please help coach your students in preparing their repertoire before attending the Festival.
HONOR BAND STUDENT FEES

- The fee for each participant is $50.00. Payment must be received by Thursday, February 2, 2023. Alternate students may be selected to replace students who have not paid by this date. All fees are non-refundable, even in the event of inclement weather.

DIRECTOR WORKSHOPS

- A Professional Development component for Directors will be offered throughout the festival. This will include workshops presented by guest conductors, WSU Music Faculty, and time available to observe honors band rehearsals. Directors can indicate their interest in attending when they complete their nomination form.
- A letter will be distributed to any director wishing to document professional development hours.

AUDITION TO WSU SCHOOL OF MUSIC

- Students graduating high school in 2023 will have the opportunity to audition on-site for acceptance into the Music Education or Music Performance degree program at Wright State University. One successful auditionee will be awarded with the WSU School of Music Honor Band Scholarship.
- If you have a student interested in auditioning for acceptance and a scholarship to the WSU School of Music, please ask them to contact shelley.jagow@wright.edu or they may contact their applied area faculty to set up an audition and a free lesson:

  School of Music Wind & Percussion Faculty
  
  Dr. Christopher Chaffee – Flute
  Katherine DeGruchy – Oboe
  John Kurokawa – Clarinet
  William Jobert – Bassoon
  Frankie Wantuch – Saxophone
  Stephen Wadsack – Trumpet
  Andrew Bass – Horn
  Dr. Gretchen McNamara – Trombone
  Daniel Honaker – Euphonium & Tuba
  Gerald Noble – Percussion

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- The WSU School of Fine and Performing Arts Honor Band Scholarship will be announced at the Final Concert.

MEALS

- A pizza meal will be provided for the High School students on Thursday evening, and for the Middle School students on Saturday before their concert.
- All other meals are the responsibility of the students and directors.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Any hotel reservations are to be made by the director or student’s guardians.
- Hotels near Wright State: https://www.wright.edu/admissions/undergraduate/nearby-accommodations

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- A complete festival schedule can be found on the Honor Bands website: https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music/wright-state-university-honor-band-festival