

40th ANNUAL Wartburg College MEISTERSINGER HONOR BAND
February 6 & 7, 2010

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Dear Colleague:

The Wartburg College Concert Bands proudly announce the 40th Annual Meistersinger Honor Band Festival for high school students currently 9th through 12th grades!

The format is as follows:

- 1) The **Festival** is made up of two bands: the NINTH Grade Band, and the SENIOR Band (10th – 12th grades).
- 2) Students are chosen by **director's nomination**, based ONLY on the information contained on the enclosed nomination forms. This information is also used to determine seating within the bands. REMEMBER: your students are chosen **ONLY** on the basis of the information on the nomination form. Fill it out to the best of your ability, and sell your students with the best of their ability.
- 3) **Personnel** for the Ninth Grade Band is limited to about 65 players. For the Senior Band it will be about 120 players. This is in keeping with the philosophy that this is indeed and HONOR band, and that everyone cannot, and should not, be included to have a truly high level and unique experience. *It is not possible to ensure that every school that sends nominations will get students into the ensembles.*
- 4) Do NOT nominate students who will **not be available** for the Festival.
- 5) Do not let a possible **conflict** (speech or music contest) for part of the weekend (can the student still make a majority of the rehearsals?) deter your nomination of that student.
- 6) **Music** will be sent to arrive to your school when you return from Christmas Break.
- 7) **Rehearsal** will begin at 12:00 pm (noon) on Saturday, February 6th, with check-in just prior to that. The **FINALE Concert** is at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 7th, and will be precluded at about 2:15 by a short performance of the Wartburg College Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble.
- 8) **Deadline** for applications is Friday, December 4, 2009. You will receive **E-mail notification** of accepted students during the week of December 14th.
- 9) Participation **fee** is \$27 per student. Do not send money until you have received notification of accepted nominees!
- 10) **Meals** are available from the campus cafeteria, and from area restaurants (more information to come.)
- 11) Registration and meal fees are not **refundable**.
- 12) Directors may opt to **house** students (free of charge) on campus with College Band members acting as hosts, or make other arrangements for off campus housing (list of motels will be included later.)
- 13) There will be **sessions** for directors/guests during the Festival.
- 14) **Programming information** from the directors will follow, as will an exact itinerary.

CONDUCTORS for this year's Festival are: Ninth Grade Band – Alan Feier (Winterset High School) Winterset, Iowa; Senior Band – Mr. Timothy Salzman, from the University of Washington (*see notes below.*)

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I look forward to an exciting Honor Band Festival with you and your students. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity – for yourself, your best students and your program – I know it will be a rewarding one!

Craig A. Hancock

PAST GUEST CONDUCTORS

1976	Frank Bencriscutto	1996	Barry Kopetz
1977	Col. Arnald Gabriel	1997	Robert Belser
1978	John Paynter	1998	Nancy Dittmer
1979	Frank Bencriscutto	1999	Thomas Dvorak
1980	Mike Lekrone	2000	Andrew Mast
1981	Ken Bloomquist	2001	Robert Jorgenson
1982	(snowed out)	2002	Mark Camphouse
1983	John Deal	2003	Paula Crider
1984	Robert Foster	2004	Robert Sheldon
1985	Miles Johnson		Tony Garmoe
1986	Joseph Guinta	2005	Barry Kopetz
1987	William Jones		Leon Kuehner
1988	Myron Welch	2006	Myron Welch
1989	Miles Johnson		Jim Fritz
1990	Steven Pederson	2007	Steven Pederson
1991	Thomas Dvorak		Thad Driskell
1992	Richard Hanson	2008	Robert Foster
1993	James Croft		Leonard Upham
1994	Jared Spears	2009	John Aboud
1995	Steven Pederson		Julie Giroux

About the Guest Conductors:

Alan Feirer has been employed as a band director since 1991. He worked for four years in the Guttenberg Community Schools, four years in the Sumner Community School District, and is currently in his eleventh year as the high school band director in Winterset, Iowa, where the band has grown to about 140 participants. Bands and students under his direction have received numerous honors, invitations, and high ratings. In 1997, the Sumner High School Band was selected as the class 1A honor band at the IBA convention, and in 2009, the Winterset High School Band served as the class 3A honor band at IBA. Alan has been a frequent adjudicator at all levels and in all areas, and has been a clinician and honor band director. A native of Winneconne, Wisconsin, Mr. Feirer graduated from Wartburg College in 1991 and earned the award for Outstanding Senior in Music Education. He earned his Master of Music Education degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 2003, and was invited to present his final paper (a literature review about band student retention) at the Iowa Music Educators Association conference that year. Since 1994, Alan has served on the staff of American Legion "Hawkeye" Boys State as band director, speaker, and facilitator. Since 1996, he has served as an advisor and coach coordinator for Iowa Ambassadors of Music. Since 2003, he has served as co-chair of the Iowa Jazz Championships. Mr. Feirer lives in Winterset, Iowa, with his wife, Julie, who teaches English at Winterset Junior High School. He is also a professional speaker, leadership trainer, and organizational development consultant. He holds membership in many professional organizations, including the National Education Association (currently serving as local president), IBA, MENC, the Society for Research in Music Education and the American Society for Training and Development. Feirer's other interests include competitive Scrabble, running, travel, dining, and playing with his six-year old daughter, Mara.

Timothy Salzman is Professor of Music at the University of Washington where he serves as Director of Concert Bands and is conductor of the University Wind Ensemble. He also teaches students enrolled in the graduate instrumental conducting program. Former students from the University of Washington occupy positions at numerous universities and public schools throughout the United States. Prior to his appointment at the UW he served as Director of Bands at Montana State University where he founded the MSU Wind Ensemble. From 1978 to 1983 he was the band director in the Herscher, Illinois, public school system where the band program received several regional and national awards in solo/ensemble, concert, and marching band competitions. Professor Salzman holds degrees from Wheaton (IL) College (Bachelor of Music Education), and Northern Illinois University (Master of Music in low brass performance), and studied privately with Arnold Jacobs, former tubist of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. He has numerous publications for bands with the C.L. Barnhouse, Arranger's Publications, Columbia Pictures and Hal Leonard Publishing companies, and has served on the staff of new music reviews for the Instrumentalist Magazine. Professor Salzman is a national artist/clinician for the Yamaha Corporation of America and has been a conductor, adjudicator or arranger for bands in over thirty-five states, Canada, England, South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Russia, China, and Japan, a country he has visited twenty times. He is compiling editor and co-author (with several current and former UW graduate students) of *A Composer's Insight: Thoughts, Analysis and Commentary on Contemporary Masterpieces for Wind Band*, a new series of books on contemporary wind band composers published by Meredith Music Publications, a subsidiary of the Hal Leonard Corporation.