

41st ANNUAL Wartburg College MEISTERSINGER HONOR BAND
January 29 & 30, 2011

November 6, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Wartburg College Concert Bands proudly announce the 41st 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, January 29th, with check-in just prior to that. The **FINALE Concert** is at 3:00 pm on Sunday, January 30th, 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 3, 2010. You will receive **E-mail notification** of accepted students during the week of December 13th.
- 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: Senior Band – Dr. Mark Heidel (The University of Iowa) and the Ninth Grade band – Steve Stickney (LinnMar High School, Marion.)

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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	Julie Giroux
1995	Steven Pederson		John Aboud
		2010	Timothy Salzman
			Alan Feirer

Richard Mark Heidel is Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music in the School of Music at The University of Iowa, where he conducts the Symphony Band, teaches graduate courses in conducting and band literature, guides the graduate band conducting program, and coordinates the University of Iowa band program. Ensembles under Dr. Heidel's direction have performed at state, regional and national conferences including those of the College Band Directors National Association, Illinois Music Educators Association, and the National Band Association – Wisconsin Chapter. He has also led concert tours to Ireland and England as well as throughout the upper Midwest.

A native of Texas, Heidel holds the Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Music in Conducting from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, as well as the Doctor of Education in Music Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Prior to his appointment to the University of Iowa faculty in 2008, Dr. Heidel served as Director of Bands at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, and as a teaching assistant in the School of Music at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In addition to his university teaching experiences, Heidel was a high school band director in Texas for nine years.

Dr. Heidel has been distinguished with memberships in numerous national and international honor societies and fraternities including Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Kappa Psi, Thi Eta Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Nu Epsilon, and Golden Key. He was the recipient of the Outstanding Musician award at Texas Tech University in both 1985 and 1986, and in 1997, he received the A.A. Harding Award at the University of Illinois for the "highest possible achievement, service and devotion to the University Bands." Dr. Heidel is listed in "Who's Who Among Collegiate Faculty", "Who's Who Among America's Teachers", and "Outstanding Young Men of America." In 2003 he received the Citation of Excellence from the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Band Association, in 2005 he was initiated into Sigma Alpha Iota as a National Arts Associate, and in 2008 he was elected to membership into the prestigious American Bandmasters Association.

Dr. Heidel maintains a busy schedule as a guest conductor, adjudicator, clinician, guest lecturer, arranger, and custom drill designer. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Band Association. Dr. Heidel has presented at clinics at state music conferences in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as guest lectures at Texas Tech University, Oakland University, and the University of Illinois. Heidel has served as guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician in seventeen states and two Canadian provinces. In 2003, Heidel served as an adjudicator for the Limerick international Marching Band Competition and the 100th St. Patrick's Day Festival in Dublin, Ireland. He is a published author in many journals dealing with band and music education. Dr. Heidel holds memberships in the National Band Association, Iowa Bandmasters Association, College Band Directors National Association, and the Big Ten Band Directors Association.

Steve Stickney has been the Director of Bands at Linn-Mar High School since 2004. A native of Cedar Rapids, Steve received his Bachelor and Masters degrees in Music Education from The University of Iowa and has completed over 45 hours of post-graduate work at The University of Iowa, Illinois State University, Seattle Pacific University, and Northwestern University as a summer Fellows recipient. During the summer of 2003, Steve traveled to Japan as a Fulbright Memorial Fund Scholar.

Prior to his position at Linn-Mar, Steve served as band director at City High School in Iowa City for 16 years, Director of Bands at Muscatine High School for two years and Director of Bands at Williamsburg High School for three years.

During his tenure at City High School, the music department was recognized three times by the prestigious GRAMMY Signature Gold School Award as an exemplary high school music program. The City High Jazz Ensemble under his direction made ten consecutive appearances at the Iowa Jazz Championships, and performed as the honor jazz band at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference. The City High School Wind Ensemble under Steve's direction performed twice as the class 4A honor band at the Iowa Bandmasters Conference, and as the guest band at the University of Iowa Symphony Band Spring Concert and Iowa State University Honor Band Festival. During his tenure at Linn-Mar the music department has twice been recognized as a GRAMMY Signature School, the Wind Ensemble has performed as the class 4A honor band for the Iowa Bandmasters Conference, and last spring as a guest band at the University of Northern Iowa.

Steve has served as an adjudicator and clinician at various elementary and secondary festivals in the Midwest, as an advisor for five European tours for the Iowa Ambassadors of Music, and as a guest conductor for the Cedar Rapids Municipal Band, the University of Iowa All State Music camp, and several district and conference honor bands.

Steve's professional affiliations include the Iowa Bandmasters Association, Northeast Iowa Bandmasters Association, Iowa Music Educators Association, and the Jazz Educators of Iowa. He has served as chairperson for the Southeast Iowa District Jazz and Junior High Large Group Festivals, site chairperson for the Southeast District Concert Band Festival, as President of the Iowa Unit of the International Association of Jazz Educators, President of the Southeast Iowa Bandmasters Association, and President of the Iowa Bandmasters Association.