



Coe College Bands

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Dear Band Director,

The Coe College Music Department would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Coe College Honor Band Experience! All three honor bands (Elementary, Junior, and Senior) take place in conjunction with the Coe College Festival of Bands, which each year features a guest composer/conductor. This year's guest composer/conductor is James Swearingen and all the musicians selected for the Honor Bands will have the opportunity to work with this outstanding composer and musician.

The 9th Annual Coe College Elementary Honor Bands will take place on Saturday, April 16th. Last year's honor bands were very successful and we are looking forward to another great year. The other guest director joining Mr. Swearingen to work with the Elementary Honor Bands this year is Diana Yeager, elementary band director from Independence. The Coe College Elementary Honor Band is open to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The nomination procedure is quite simple: you make nominations online, and then selections are made by a committee at Coe College. Selected students come to Coe to rehearse with our guest composer and conductor. The Elementary Honor Bands will present a concert in the late afternoon, prior to the Grand Finale Concert of the Coe College Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, which the students are invited to attend at no extra cost.

The Coe College Junior and Senior Honor Bands will be selected by application. Directors can visit the honor band website and make their nominations, email Dr. Carson a database with nominations, or direct their students to the Coe website and have them fill out the online application (of course you know how good students are at follow-through – you might need to remind them a few times!). At the application deadline, directors will receive an email confirming students are enrolled in your program and will be asked to rank them. Selected students will have chair auditions on the day of the first rehearsal. The Coe College Junior Honor Band will be directed by Mr. David Law, recently retired from Vernon Middle School in the Marion Independent School District, and the Coe College Senior Honor Band will be directed by Dr. William S. Carson of Coe College. The Junior and Senior Honor Bands will have chair auditions and will rehearse on Sunday, April 10, and will have a warm-up rehearsal and concert on Sunday, April 17th.

The calendar for selection and performance is as follows:

- Monday, January 10, 2011 - Online applications and nominations open
- Tuesday, February 1, 2011 - Online applications and nominations close
- Tuesday, February 8, 2011 - Director rankings for Junior and Senior Honor Bands due
- Saturday, February 26 - Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - Selections announced, music delivered
- Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Junior and Senior Honor Band chair auditions and rehearsal

There is a \$12.00 registration fee for students selected to the Elementary Honor Bands and a \$25.00 fee for students selected to the Junior and Senior Honor Bands. This fee will include a meal (April 10 dinner for the Junior and Senior bands, April 16 lunch for the Elementary bands). Schools will be responsible for registration fees for students selected to the bands whether they can attend or not. It is important for directors to establish their students' availability for and interest in this organization before nominating them. DO NOT nominate students who will not participate if chosen! We will choose two Elementary Honor Bands of approximately 110 members each and one Junior Honor Band and one Senior Honor Band of approximately 90 members each. In order to allow the greatest number of students to participate, students will be selected to only one of the bands. 6th grade students may choose to be nominated for either the Elementary Honor Band or the Junior Honor Band and 8th grade students may be considered for the Senior Honor Band only if the section is not filled out with high school players.

To make your nominations or for students to apply, please visit www.coe.edu/bands and select the Honor Band link on the left. All nominations and applications need to be completed online by February 1, 2011. Should you have further questions, feel free to contact one of the organizers below.

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