Welcome back to the partnership between the Coe College Honor Band program and the Cedar Rapids Symphony School of Music. We are working together to provide a superior supplemental band experience for over 100 selected musicians from high schools, junior highs, and elementary schools in eastern Iowa. Students audition for membership each fall, then rehearse for several weeks each term before presenting winter and spring concerts (see schedule below).

Dr. William S. Carson will again be heading the program and directing the Senior Honor Band. David Law will return as the conductor of the Junior Honor Band. Benjamin Work will assist us. Auditions will be held in Marquis Hall on the Coe College campus the afternoon of Sunday, October 14. To apply, please complete the enclosed form and send, along with your $5 audition fee, to Dr. Carson. Please mail the form in time to arrive before Oct. 1. You may also pick up applications or submit them at the offices of the Coe College Department of Music or the Cedar Rapids Symphony School, or better yet - apply online at www.coe.edu/bands!

We are pleased to announce that Robert W. Smith, one of the most often-performed composers active today, will be our guest conductor/composer for our spring concert. You can learn more about Mr. Smith at our website (www.coe.edu/bands) or his website (www.robertwsmith.com). We hope this added incentive will make membership in these ensembles even more of an honor!

Auditions and rehearsals for the Honor Bands will be held in Marquis Hall on the campus of Coe College. To find Marquis Hall, park on First Ave. between 12th and 13th Sts. E, and walk all the way around the large building with the steeple (Sinclair Auditorium). The end of that building that faces campus is Marquis Hall. Auditions will consist of solo repertoire or an All-State Etude (not a part from a band piece), major scales (up to 5 sharps and flats for senior honor band, 3 for junior), and sightreading (if time permits). Eighth graders who wish to be eligible for both bands should be prepared to play up to 5 sharps or flats. Percussionists should prepare a solo on at least one percussion instrument (marimba, timpani, etc.) but should be prepared to play short sight reading excerpts on other percussion instruments.

The $35 membership fee will be collected at the first rehearsal. All members will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Concert ticket prices are $5 for Adults, $3 for Senior Citizens and Children under 12, with Children under 5 free. We look forward to seeing you October 14!

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**Honor Band Rehearsal and Performance Schedules, 2007-2008**

**Auditions: Sunday, Oct. 14 ● Applications due Oct. 1**

**Junior Honor Band**
Sunday, Oct. 28, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 4, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 11, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 18, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 25, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Dec. 2, 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., Dress Rehearsal; 4:00 p.m., Concert
Sunday, Mar. 2, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Mar. 9, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Mar. 16, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Mar. 23, No rehearsal - Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 30, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, April 13, 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m., Dress Rehearsal; 4:00 p.m., Concert

**Senior Honor Band**
Sunday, Nov. 11, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 18, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov. 25, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Rehearsal
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Special guests for the December Honor Band concert will be the Coe College Concert Band. Robert W. Smith and the New Horizons Band of Cedar Rapids will be the guests at the April concert.

Forms and additional information are also available at our website: http://www.coe.edu/bands
Honor Bands
Application Form

Student Formal Name
(as you would like it to be listed in program)

Student Nickname
(what you want conductor to call you)

Applicant's Instrument
(Be specific - e.g. Euphonium TC, Alto Sax)

Director's Name and Signature
(certifies membership in school ensemble)

Name of School

Year in School (7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, etc.)

Student Home Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone Number

Please print carefully!

Please use the back of this form (or a separate sheet) to list any honors or accomplishments that might indicate your eligibility for this ensemble.

May we use e-mail to inform you of your audition time and results?

Do you study privately?  ____  ____  ____  ____

yes  no  yes  no

Please mail this form with $5 application fee (make check payable to Coe College) in time to arrive by October 1.

Mail to:
Coe College Honor Bands, Coe College Department of Music
1220 First Avenue Northeast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  52402

Additional forms, schedule, and information are available at our website:  http://www.coe.edu/bands

Office Use Only Below Line Please:

Application Fee Rec. Date  Aud. Time  Judge

Senior or Junior  Accept/Reject/Alternate  Chair/Placement

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