



North Central West Virginia Honor Band and Directors Symposium

DESCRIPTION

The Wesleyan North Central West Virginia Honor Band provides distinguished high school and middle school musicians an opportunity to collaborate in a highly rewarding and meaningful musical experience. Student musicians work with nationally known conductors on music of the highest caliber and perform with other students from the surrounding areas.

DATES/ACTIVITIES

Registration for the 2024 High School Honors Band begins at 1pm on Sunday, November 17th, and culminates in a concert performance at 5pm on the 19th in the Performing Arts Center. The Middle School Honor Band will register from 4:30-6pm in Loar Music Hall on the 17th with a final performance at 4pm on the 19th. In addition to full group rehearsals in the PAC, students will rehearse in sectionals with our distinguished faculty, receive campus tours, attend a banquet in their honor, and more.

SELECTION/APPLICATION

Student musicians are selected on the basis of recommendation by their band director and their experience in other instrumental bands. Preference is given to prior All-State participants and students who receive Superior Ratings on level 5 or 6 music at Solo and Ensemble Festivals. Instrumentation needs also weigh into decisions on the students that are selected. The Honors Band traditionally includes up to 60-70 students who have demonstrated outstanding musicianship in some capacity.

Please fill out the application on wwwc.edu/ncwvvhb.

Applications are due by Friday, October 18th, 2024

CHAIR AUDITIONS/PLACEMENTS

Auditions occur only for chair placement AFTER students are selected. A set of excerpts will be mailed around mid-October for each student selected. Auditions are held for the **High School Honor Band** on the afternoon of the 17th. More information will be forthcoming after the selection process has concluded. **Middle School Honor Band** chair placements will be decided by the hosts; students will be given their music ahead of time to better prepare for the Honor Band.

FEE/HOUSING-HIGH SCHOOL

There is a nominal ***\$60 fee per student*** that covers all meals, T-shirt, medal, CD recording of concert, etc. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE HOUSING.** Should a student need lodging, a parent/guardian **MUST** accompany the student for the duration of the event. There will be hotels near campus set up with special blocks of rooms for honor band students at a discounted rate. This registration fee applies only to students accepted to the ensemble, and it is paid upon the Sunday registration date. **Please do not send in money with your application.**

FEE/HOUSING-MIDDLE SCHOOL

The fee to participate in the Middle School Honor Band is \$50. This includes all meals within the scope of rehearsal times, covers the music cost, medal, t-shirt, and recording. **THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE HOUSING.** Should a student need lodging, a parent/guardian **MUST** accompany the student for the duration of the event. A block of rooms with a special rate will be available at the Bicentennial Inn in Buckhannon, but West Virginia Wesleyan is not responsible for providing accommodations during the event. Additionally, we will not be responsible for the students after the scheduled events. Please make the necessary arrangements should an overnight stay be required! **Please do not send in money with your application.**

Directors Symposium

The 2024 Directors Symposium is a unique addition to this year's Honor Band festival. With guest clinicians from around the region, directors can participate in professional development not found elsewhere. Earn continuing education credits for attending lectures, a music reading session, and the Honor Band dress rehearsals. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to mingle with some of the region's outstanding directors and the Honor Band's guest conductors.

QUESTIONS

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