

UAB High School Honor Band 2009

December 10th, 11th, 12th, 2009

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Event Dates

The 2009 **UAB High School Honor Band** will consist of four bands: 9-10 Festival Honor Band, 9-10 Blazer Honor Band, 11-12 Festival Honor Band, and 11-12 Blazer Honor Band. Auditions for band and chair placement will begin Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 1 pm. All four bands will rehearse Thursday through Saturday (December 10-12). The concert will be held Saturday, December 12th at 3:00 pm in the Jemison Concert Hall of the **Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center**.

Eligibility

Ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students are eligible. This format—adapted in 2006—attempts to include more ninth and tenth grade participants in the event, while still having plenty of space for our eleventh and twelfth grade students. We want high school students to be able to participate in the UAB Honor Bands throughout their high school careers! Band directors should recommend students across all 4 grade levels, as care will be taken in the selection process to include all grade levels. Over 300 invitations will be extended to students for participation in the 2009 **UAB High School Honor Band Weekend**.

Division of Ensembles

A pre-determined instrumentation for each ensemble will be used (please see the enclosed breakdown). Based on auditions at the beginning of the event, the top group in each the 9-10 level and the 11-12 level will serve as the Festival Honor Band, with the highest-ranking auditionees seated within this ensemble. All remaining players will be assigned to the Blazer Honor Band of the appropriate grade level.

Selection Process

Priority for selection will be made as follows:

- 1) 2009 All-State Students will be selected first
- 2) Seniors with past experience at the UAB Honor Bands
- 3) ALL students with past experience at the UAB Honor Bands, Summer Music Camp, or All-Star Band
- 4) Students with highest band director recommendations, regardless of grade level
- 5) ALL students with positive band director recommendations

Given these selection criteria, we will make every attempt to take all seniors who apply to the **UAB High School Honor Band Weekend**. Heavy emphasis will be placed upon each director's ranking scale in making our preliminary selections – *please give this careful thought*. Obviously, any additional pertinent information will assist in the decision making process.

Please use the enclosed recommendation forms to submit your nominations. In order to have fair representation from all schools, we ask that you try to keep your number of nominees near 10% of your program's total enrollment. After the student has completed the information at the top part of the form, please use the space at the bottom for **director's confidential remarks** regarding the applicant. Director's comments are extremely significant in our selection process! Please place the applications in order of your ranking (you may duplicate the form as needed). While no selection is guaranteed, serious consideration will be given to each student. Last year there were over 1200 nominees for this event. Applications can be returned in the following manner: 1) by mail with a postmark no later than **October 16th**, 2) by FAX 205-975-1931, or 3) hand-delivered to the UAB Band office. Applications that are delivered via FAX or are hand-delivered must be received by 5 pm, on or before **Friday, October 16th** in order to be given complete consideration.

Important Information

- Upon notification of selection, there is a **\$50.00 non-refundable** participation fee. Make checks out to: **UAB Department of Music.**
- All participating students will receive a UAB Honor Band Medal as well as a UAB Honor Band T-shirt.
- UAB Honor Band cd's, DVD's, and photos will be available for purchase at the festival.
- Audition material will be:
 - 12 major scales and arpeggios (minimum 1 octave, extra credit given for 2 or 3 octaves) at a tempo of quarter note = 120 in eighth notes, preferred articulation is slurred ascending, and tongued descending
 - the **first** exercise listed (unless otherwise stated) out of the ABA Handbook / All-State requirements for the 2009-2010 academic year
 - Sight-reading****percussionists may audition on either snare, timpani, or keyboards, but more credit will be given to students who audition on 2 or more percussion instruments: The overall score will be a TOTAL of all three areas together. Students who demonstrate skills in all areas will receive more credit than students who only prepare one (or two) areas.**
- Auditions will be Thursday, Dec. 10th, 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm.
- The first rehearsal will be held from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.
- Directors, please contact Sue Samuels or Gene Fambrough if you can help with student auditions on either weekend.

**Conductors: Dennis Fisher, University of North Texas
Clinton Marshall, Columbia, South Carolina
Marc Reed, UAB
Sue Samuels, UAB**

•Festival Honor Bands and Blazer Honor Bands*

8-10 Flute
2-3 Oboe
1 Eb Clarinet
12-16 Bb Clarinet
2-4 Bb Bass Clarinet
1 Contra Clarinet
4-6 Eb Alto Saxophone
2 Tenor Saxophone
1-2 Baritone Saxophone
3-4 Bassoon
10-12 Trumpet
6 Horn
6 Trombone
1 Bass Trombone
2-3 Euphonium
4 Tuba
6 Percussion

76-87 per band

TOTAL: 304-348 total participants

Return applications to: Sue Samuels, Coordinator
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UAB Middle School Honor Band 2009

December 3rd, 4th, 5th, 2009

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Event Dates

The 2009 *UAB Middle School Honor Band* will consist of three bands: Festival Honor Band, Green Band, and Gold Band. Auditions for band and chair placement will begin Thursday, December 3, at 1 pm. All three bands will rehearse Thursday through Saturday (December 3-5). The concert will be held Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 pm in the Jemison Concert Hall of the UAB *Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center*.

Eligibility

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students will be eligible. Every effort will be made to include representative numbers from each grade in the selection process. Over 200 invitations will be extended to students for participation in the 2009 *UAB Middle School Honor Band Weekend*.

Division of Ensembles

A pre-determined instrumentation for each ensemble will be used (please see the enclosed breakdown). The top group will serve as the Festival Honor Band, with the highest-ranking auditionees seated within this ensemble. All remaining players will be divided equally between the Green and Gold Bands (ex. flute #1 – Green, flute #2 – Gold; clarinet #1 – Gold, clarinet #2 – Green; etc.).

Selection Process

Priority of nominations will be as follows:

- 1) 2009 All-State Students will be selected first
- 2) Eighth graders with past experience at the UAB Honor Bands/Summer Camp
- 3) ALL students with past experience at the UAB Honor Bands/Summer Camp
- 4) Eighth graders with no UAB Honor Band experience.
- 5) Seventh graders with no UAB Honor Band experience
- 6) All students with high band director recommendations

Given these selection criteria, every attempt will be made to take all eighth graders that apply to the *UAB Middle School Honor Band Weekend*. Heavy emphasis will be placed upon each director's ranking scale in making our preliminary selections – *please give this careful thought*. Obviously, any additional pertinent information will assist in the decision making process.

Please use the enclosed recommendation forms to submit your nominations for this event. After the student has completed the information at the top part of the form, please use the space at the bottom for **director's confidential remarks** regarding the applicant. Please place them in order of your ranking (you may duplicate the form as needed). While no selection is guaranteed, serious consideration will be given to each student. Last year there were over 1600 nominees for this event. Applications can be returned in the following manner: 1) by mail with a postmark of not later than October 16th 2) by FAX 205-975-1931, or 3) hand-delivered to the UAB Band office. Applications that are delivered via FAX or hand-delivered must be received by 5 pm, **Friday, October 16th** for complete consideration.

2009 UAB HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

APPLICATION / RECOMMENDATION FORM

Application deadline: October 16!

Please fill out form completely and LEGIBLY and turn in to your band director for confidential recommendation.

STUDENT NAME _____	INSTRUMENT _____
HOME ADDRESS _____	Percussion specify (circle):
C/S/Z _____	Snare / Mallets / Timpani
HOME PHONE (_____) _____	# YEARS IN BAND _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____	GRADE _____
SCHOOL _____	BAND DIRECTOR _____
SCHOOL ADDRESS _____	
C/S/Z _____	
SCHOOL PHONE (_____) _____	<i>Seniors Only!</i> would like more information about auditions for the UAB Bands <input type="checkbox"/>
E-MAIL ADDRESS _____	

Highest chair in School Band? _____	How many years? _____	How many in section? _____
Have you ever been selected to All-State? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Band / Chair _____
Have you ever participated in the UAB Honor Band? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Band/Chair _____
Have you ever participated in the UAB All-Star Marching Band? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Have you ever participated in the UAB Summer Music Camp? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Other honor band participation?		
Location _____	Band _____	Chair _____
Location _____	Band _____	Chair _____

Please list any other related honors /awards (use reverse if needed) _____

•BAND DIRECTOR ONLY•

This student ranks within the group of students that are applying: _____ out of _____.

My recommendation level for this student's musical ability is: (please check one):

___ Strongly Recommended	___ Recommended
___ Recommended with some reservations	___ Do not recommend

This student's leadership ability: EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE POOR

School Enrollment _____ # in Band Program _____ #Nominees _____

Band Director Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE DUPLICATE THIS FORM AS NEEDED

2009 UAB MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND APPLICATION / RECOMMENDATION FORM

Application deadline: October 16!

Please fill out form completely and turn in to your band director for confidential recommendation.

STUDENT NAME _____
 HOME ADDRESS _____
 C/S/Z _____
 HOME PHONE (_____) _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
 SCHOOL _____
 SCHOOL ADDRESS _____
 C/S/Z _____
 SCHOOL PHONE (_____) _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

INSTRUMENT _____
 Percussion specify (circle):
 Snare / Mallets / Timpani
 # YEARS IN BAND _____
 GRADE _____
 BAND DIRECTOR _____

Highest chair in School Band? _____ How many years? _____ How many in section? _____

Have you ever been selected to All-State? YES NO Band / Chair _____

Have you ever been selected to UAB Honor Band? YES NO Highest Chair _____

Have you ever participated in the UAB Summer Music Camp? YES NO

Other honor band participation?

Location _____ Band _____ Chair _____

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Please list any other related honors /awards (use reverse if needed) _____

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This student ranks within the group of students that are applying: _____ out of _____.

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 ___ Recommended with some reservations ___ Do not recommend

This student's leadership ability: EXCELLENT GOOD AVERAGE POOR

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Band Director Signature _____ Date _____

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