

MBDA Beginning and Second Year Band Festival Report for 2009

Three sites hosted Beginning Band Festivals in May of 2009: Pine City and Edina on May 2nd and Moorhead on May 9th. Edina also hosted a Second Year Festival on the same day and at the same site. A fourth festival at St. James was cancelled due to low enrollment (33 students for the BBF and 33 students for the SYF). Music was provided by Schmitt Music and raffled off to directors at the end of the events.

Below are summaries for each site:

Pine City

Hosted by Brad Mariska at Pine City and directed by Chris Gumz. 60 students from 11 schools participated in the event.

Repertoire:

Crown Point March- Bruce Pearson
Aztec Sunrise- John Edmonson
Alpha Squadron- Hills
Clouds- Anne McGinty
Soul Rock- Dale Lauder

Edina

Hosted by Geneva Fitzsimonds and directed by Wendy Barden and Joni Sutton. 110 students participated in the BBF and 120 in the SYF. 41 schools participated in the event.

BBF Repertoire

Dervish	Ford/ Alfred Pub.
Ming Court	Pitter/Kjos
A River Trilogy	O'Reilly/Alfred
Cymbalism	McGinty/Queenwood
Spanish Hills March	Cotter/Kjos

SYF Repertoire

Bravo!	Curnow/Curnow
Dance Celebration	Smith/Belwin
March Bravissimo	Edmonson/Queenwood
Conundrum	Sheldon/Alfred
Canticle	Wagner/Belwin

Moorhead

Hosted by Denise Pesola and directed by Geneva Fitzsimonds. 93 students from 15 schools participated in the event.

Repertoire

Anasasi- John Edmonson
Aztec Dance- Michael Story
Krazy Klock- James D. Ployhar
Royal March- John Kinyon
Rock Explosion- Gerald Sebesky

For 2009-10:

Two sites have already scheduled festivals: Austin, which would be in the SE Region and Edina, which would be in the SC Region.

Questions:

- Will there be enough participation from each region to have a festival?
- Currently, the minimum stated for having a festival is 65 participants- do we want to keep that as is?
- Will each region do a Second Year Festival or does it overlap with the 6-8 honor band?

Respectfully submitted 6/5/09

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