

# Minnesota Band Directors Association

## South-Central Region



November 23, 2009

Dear Instrumental Colleagues,

The 2010 South-Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band Day will be an opportunity for your talented musicians to come together with other musicians from our region for a day of outstanding music making! Again this year our region will be hosting both 6-8 and 9-10 honor bands on **Saturday, February 20, 2010** at Mankato West High School.

We invite you to nominate your top musicians for this event. Because your recommendation will serve as their “audition”, we ask you to only nominate students you consider to be ***honor band caliber***. This will ensure that all participating honor band members receive a quality experience. Please have your students and parents verify that they are available on the day of the festival to lessen the need to find replacements for students once they are selected and music is sent out.

We have two exceptional directors lined up for this event – the 9-10 band will be directed by Dr. Douglas Nimmo from Gustavus Adolphus College, and Geneva Fitzsimonds, from South View Middle School in Edina will work with the 6-8 musicians. Your students will most certainly benefit from their talents!

If selected, students must participate in all scheduled rehearsals and activities. A participation fee of \$35.00 per student will cover expenses including the cost of lunch on Saturday and a T-shirt.

Please complete the enclosed nomination forms and mail, fax, or email them so they reach me by **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you email your nominations please copy the information off of the nomination form and paste it into your email. Please provide as much pertinent information about each student as possible so we can make informed decisions during our selection process.

We also ask your help by volunteering to help coach a sectional during the day of the festival. These sectionals have proven to be a valuable part of the experience for both the students and the coaches. Please indicate your instrument preferences on the nomination form. Thank you in advance for volunteering to share your expertise with the students!

To ensure that your district students have the opportunity to participate in this event *please verify that all appropriate grade-level directors from your building/district (especially directors new to your district) received this email as we are not sending letters by mail. Thank you for your help!*

Your SCMBDA Board is looking forward to facilitating this opportunity for our regional musicians! Please don't hesitate to contact any me with any questions. I look forward to receiving your nominations!

Sincerely,

Jay Eichhorst  
SCMBDA Honor Band Chair