

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008



Instrumental Music Colleagues of South-Eastern MN,

We had a wonderful first round as a SEMBDA Honor Band. This year we are continuing to branch out and will offer two Honor groups to better support the schools in our part of the state. Please consider nominating students for both Honor Bands!

### **ABOUT MBDA**

The Minnesota Band Directors Association is an organization assisting in the development of band directors and band programs in schools, colleges, and communities throughout Minnesota. It is an organization founded with a genuine spirit of dedication, and with the intent to work cooperatively with other organizations.

A membership MBDA allows your students access to honor band and festival opportunities. For you, being a part of MBDA includes participating in festivals, honor bands and featured resources online. As a special feature this year, a membership in MENC will not be required! It simply costs \$30 to join! For more information see enclosed MEMBERSHIP DRIVE INFO, or visit [www.mbda.org](http://www.mbda.org)

### **ABOUT THE 6-8 & 9-10 HONOR BANDS**

The 2007-2008 South East MBDA 6-8 and 9-10 level Honor Bands are an opportunity for talented young musicians from the South East region of MN to join together in the performance of quality concert band literature. The entire experience will take place at Rochester Century High School. For anyone in our region, this should be no more than a 90 minute drive. The bands will rehearse from 9-4 on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**, with the performance taking place at 4 pm.

Students in grades 6-8 and 9-10 must be involved in their school band program during the time of participation and have directors who are current members of MBDA. Students will be nominated by their directors, and entry will be granted based on number of schools nominating, number of students nominated and balanced instrumentation. Please keep this in mind when nominating students.

If selected, students will be expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals and activities on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. A participation fee of \$35.00 per student will cover expenses, including the cost of lunch on Saturday and a t-shirt. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from Century High School on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

- ***NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>! See attached sheet.***
- ***STATE MBDA HONOR BANDS will continue to exist in their current audition format. See [www.mbda.org](http://www.mbda.org) for more details***

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## **ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS**

### **6-8 Honor Band Conductor –**

Ryan Anderson is the Director of Bands 7-12 for Dover-Eyota HS, including concert, jazz, marching and athletic band performance. Previous to teaching at Dover- Eyota, he was at Litchfield Middle School as instructor of beginning band, 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade choirs, assistant with the HS marching band and drumline instructor. As a performer, Ryan has made appearances at the Vienne Jazz Festival, Montreaux Jazz Festival, Tatui Conservatory in Brazil and Interlochen Center for the Arts. He resides in Dover with his wonderful wife and two children.

### **9-10 Honor Band Conductor-**

Janet Heukeshoven is an associate Professor of Music at Saint Mary's University, currently serves as Director of Bands and Music Education Program Coordinator. She directs the SMU Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, coaches chamber ensembles, teaches education methods coursework and applied flute lessons. She also performs on flute and piccolo with the La Salle Woodwind Quintet, the Winona Municipal Band, faculty recitals and other regional performances. Heukeshoven's D.M.A. in instrumental Conducting is from UW-Madison, M.M. in Flute Performance from the Boston Conservatory, and B.S. in Music Education from the UM-Minneapolis.

- ***NOMINATIONS and MEMBERSHIP materials can be sent together to LEVI LUNDAK at ROCHESTER CENTURY HS (see nomination form for address)***

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the SEMBDA board members (listed below). We hope you continue your membership or consider joining MBDA this year. See you and your students in January!

## **South – East MBDA Board**

6-8 Honor Band **Matt Dockendorf** ~ Lakeville South [mpdockendorf@isd194.k12.mn.us](mailto:mpdockendorf@isd194.k12.mn.us)

9-10 Honor Band **Levi Lundak** ~ Rochester Century [LELUNDAK@rochester.k12.mn.us](mailto:LELUNDAK@rochester.k12.mn.us)

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