



18 September, 2021

Dear Colorado Band Directors,

My name is Brett Keating, I serve as Director of Bands at Western Colorado University and it is my pleasure to share the information about this year's All-Colorado Honor Band.

Date: February 24th-26th, 2020 will mark the 69th meeting of this historic ensemble.

Guest Artists

Conductor- Dr. Jacqueline Dawson, Director of Bands, University of Manitoba

Soloist/Clinician- Dr. Laura McLaughlin, Clarinet Soloist

Composers in Residence- Tom Davoren & Dr. Ben Justis

Activities

Registration will begin on Thursday, February 24, at 1:00pm and the festival will conclude with the final concert on Saturday Afternoon. Throughout the festival, the students will participate in rehearsals, sectionals, clinics, talks with composers, social activities, and be watch performances.

Daily Highlights

Thursday- WCU's Symphonic band will perform with soloists. (Band Directors are invited to join the band)

Friday- Please plan on attending the Director's Banquet while your students attend their Dinner and Dance.

Saturday- Festival Concert featuring two World Premieres by the Honor Band and performance by the Colorado Brass Band

Brass Band

The Colorado Brass Band will meet as in years past. This group provides a wonderful opportunity for players and listeners alike to experience the beauty of the brass band genre. The ensemble is open to participating directors. All brass players are encouraged to get involved. If you are a director who plans to participate in the Brass Band, please register as soon as possible here: **Band Director Registration** <https://forms.gle/WwiBmNLZh2PDuXtDA>

Audition Videos

Video recordings should be uploaded as an unlisted video to YouTube. Links to the video should be submitted via the Google Registration Form. Links to this form are on the WCU website as well as the email that accompanied this letter. Please For specifics on the audition's materials, please reference the Audition Materials Info sheet. Recorded auditions will also determine chair placement. **Audition Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/bTyvvyNcRwjKBdPs9>

Deadline

Please submit the Google Form with links to recordings by **Wednesday, December 1st, 2021**. This deadline is critical to ensure that the band is selected and the music can be distributed in a timely manner.

Fees

Audition fees are \$5 and should be mailed to Brett Keating at 1 Western Way, Gunnison, CO, 81231. If a student is accepted to the event, an additional participation fee of \$35 will be required should they accept their position.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future and wish you continued success and musical growth over the coming months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through e-mail address provided at the bottom of this letter. **Honor Band Webpage:** <https://western.edu/program/music/honor-band-festival/>

Best,

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