

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 information about the **71st All-Colorado Honor Band** held on...

February 15 – 17, 2024

Guest Artists

Guest Conductor - Dr. Mark Bonner, Director of Bands, University of Central Missouri

Soloist & Clinician - John Pirillo, Principal Trumpet of the Colorado Brass (Denver)

Composer-in-Residence - Dr. Tom Davoren

Instrumental Faculty - Dr. Ben Justis (percussion), Dr. Darkson Magrinelli (woodwinds),
Dr. Brett Keating (brass)

Highlights

Thursday - WCU's Symphonic Band will perform with trumpet extraordinaire John Pirillo!

Friday - Rehearsals, sectionals, faculty & guest artist recital, and social events. Band directors, please plan on attending the Director's Banquet in the evening.

Saturday - Festival Concert featuring a *World Premiere* by the Honor Band!

Selection Process - New for 2024

We will select the members of the ensemble(s) based on **band director recommendation**. Directors are encouraged to recommend as many students as they would like via the "Student Recommendation Form" on our webpage. Band directors and students will be notified of their admission to the festival and then be asked to submit a recorded Seating Audition.

To submit your recommendation, use the "**Student Recommendation Form**" on the Honor Band webpage (see below).

Seating Auditions should be submitted as a link, recorded in a single take in audio or video format. For specifics on the audition materials, please reference the "Seating Audition Instructions" document on the Honor Band webpage (see below).

To submit your seating audition video link, use the "**Seating Audition Form**" on the Honor Band webpage (see below).

Nomination & Audition Timeline

Student Recommendations Open - Sunday, October 1, 2023

Student Recommendations Due - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Notification of selection into festival - Friday, November 3, 2023

Registration Due - Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Seating Audition Due - Thursday, November 30, 2023

Notification of seating and email of music - Friday, December 15, 2023

Participation Fee

The participation fee of \$40* is assessed to all participants. Pay the fee via our online store "**Participation Fee Payment**" on the Honor Band webpage (see below). Contact me if you would like to mail a check or cash instead.

**If this cost is prohibitive, contact me - financial assistance may be available.*

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 email me at any time.

All my best,

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Honor Band Webpage

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