

Department of Music

2016 High School Select Wind Orchestra

September 2015

Dear High School Band Director:

The 13th Annual University of Saskatchewan High School Select Wind Orchestra (USHSSWO) will take place January 29 – 31, 2016 in Quance Theatre (Education Building) at the University of Saskatchewan. This year there will be one large ensemble, directed by Dr. Oehlerking and Dr. Gillis. As well for the fourth time, students will not only be selected from Saskatoon and surrounding area, but from around the Province!

The intent of this event is to provide talented high school students another opportunity to learn and perform new repertoire with a selected few from the Province, and have fun in the process. As well, it is to support instrumental music and provide more interaction between the Secondary Schools and the University of Saskatchewan.

There is **no direct cost** to your students to participate; only their time commitment and full participation is required. Lunch will be provided on Saturday free of charge (all other meals are the responsibility of the participants). Students from out-of-town will however need to make their own housing accommodations for Friday and Saturday evenings, and travel arrangements to and from the USHHSWO rehearsals and concert.

General information includes:

Registration - Friday evening 6:00 - 7:00 pm Rehearsals - Friday evening 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - noon; 1:00 - 5:30; (w/sectional & breaks)

Concert - Sunday 1:30 pm (Group Photo @ noon, sound check @ 12:30)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.

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Nomination Form

Please complete the portion of this form by nominating the students from your school who would like to be a part of the 13th Annual University of Saskatchewan High School Select Wind Orchestra.

Part of your nomination considerations should be based upon each student's availability for the event, playing ability, and attitude. Please use the following rating scale when nominating students:

- 5= Outstanding student could be a Principal player at a Provincial Honour Band level.
- 4= Exceptionally strong student capable of performing at a Provincial Honour Band level.
- 3= Strong student, up to the challenge of this musical opportunity.
- 2= Hard working student, will benefit from this musical opportunity.
- 1= Average Student who enjoys band, and would enjoy this experience.

Please feel free to include a synopsis of your student's background that will be helpful in the selection and chair placement process.

Please email your list of students (up to your top 10) to Dr. Glen Gillis (glen.gillis@usask.ca) by October 19, 2015. Dr. Gillis will compile the nomination list and then there will be a meeting at the U of S Faculty Club to determine the roster through a negotiation process with all band directors present, Friday, October 23 @ 4:00 pm (complementary refreshments and snacks will be provided). For the out-of-town directors who cannot attend, your nominated students will be fairly assessed, and school representation will be a priority in the selection process. Priority will also be given to the senior grade participants.

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