

**ILLINOIS SUPERSTATE
CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL
May 8-9, 2009
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

GENERAL INFORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE TO THE Illinois Superstate Concert Band Festival, May 8-9, 2009.

PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE (including the Honor Bands):

The festival registration fee for each Superstate band, including Honor Bands, is \$550.00 and is payable immediately upon notification of acceptance. This fee will cover most of the expenses resulting from festival administration, adjudication, and performance recording. No refunds will be made for withdrawal after April 10, 2009. Please send the checks as follows: c/o Donna Mohr, 3030 Music Building, 1114 West Nevada, Urbana, IL 61801. Check should be payable to the **University of Illinois**.

FESTIVAL LOCATION

The festival is located at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA), in the Foellinger Great Hall on the University of Illinois Urbana Campus. Krannert Center is located in Urbana between Oregon and Illinois Streets facing Goodwin Avenue. (See attached map.)

FESTIVAL HEADQUARTERS (CHORAL REHEARSAL RM. 2-317, LEVEL 2)

This is the primary coordination center for the Superstate Festival. If you have a problem you cannot solve, come to this room for assistance.

PARKING---PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!!

Buses should unload at the Stage Entrance Ramp of Krannert Center on **Illinois Street**. **LEAVE ALL INSTRUMENT CASES AND UNNECESSARY BELONGINGS ON THE BUSES.** Buses may be parked **remotely** in Lot E-14 (down First Street near the Assembly Hall) Friday afternoon until 5:00 p.m. Before 5:00 p.m. buses **MAY NOT PARK NEAR KRANNERT**.

After 5:00 p.m. buses may move to either D1 (north of Krannert on Illinois Street) or D22 (east of Krannert on Oregon).

Automobiles may be parked in the Krannert Center (underground parking lot), free of charge **beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday.** PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO WILL BE DRIVING TO THE EVENT. THIS LOT WILL BE

PATROLLED UNTIL 5:00 P.M. AND WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT TICKETS WILL BE WRITTEN!

BAND ROUTING ASSISTANCE

Upon arrival, participating band directors must check-in at the Band Routing Control Desk inside the Illinois Street stage entrance ramp for routing, and warm-up assistance. You will be assigned a guide at this time to take you through the entire performance experience.

DIRECTORS CHANGING ROOMS

Directors will be given access to the Great Hall dressing rooms for changing purposes. Upon arrival the Routing Desk will show you the location of these rooms.

ADMISSION

Admission is open to the public for all Superstate band performances free of charge.

LOST AND FOUND

Any articles found should be taken to the festival headquarters (Choral Rehearsal Room 2-317, Level 2). Owners may secure articles by proper identification. The University of Illinois is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles.

FIRST AID

In case of emergency, first aid will be available at the following hospitals: Carle Hospital, 611 West Park, Urbana - Covenant Medical Center, 407 South Fourth, Champaign. Medical release forms are the responsibility of each visiting band.

EQUIPMENT FURNISHED

Performance equipment will include (4) timpani, (1) bass drum, (1) set of chimes, (1) one vibraphone, (1) marimba, (1) xylophone and (1) grand piano, and will be provided in the Great Hall only. Bands must furnish all other percussion including all mallets and sticks.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Members of the University Bands have volunteered their services for the Superstate Concert Band Festival. Many of these University students are graduates of the visiting schools and have performed in the Superstate Festival. We appreciate their assistance with the festival.

WARM-UP ROOM

The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts is unable to provide homeroom space for visiting bands, so each school should plan to leave their large cases and unnecessary belongings in the buses. We request your cooperation in

observing the scheduled times, and moving quickly in and out, so that each band may have adequate time for warm-up and performance. We also request your cooperation in caring for the equipment in the rooms. Bands must off-load no more than 30 minutes before proceeding to the warm-up room.

AWARDS

In recognition of outstanding performance at the Superstate Festival, one band per class will be selected to present an “honor band” performance during the 2010 Superstate Festival; these bands will be selected by a consensus of the adjudication panel.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Performance recognition plaques will be presented in the Krannert Center Great Hall as follows:

Junior High/Middle School AND Class A High School: 8:15pm on Friday
Class AA and AAA High School: 6:45pm Saturday

JUDGES COMMENT SHEETS

Judges comment sheets and CD's will be distributed from the Great Hall Festival Stage following the awards ceremony. Materials will be mailed to bands absent from the awards ceremony. No scores or rankings will be assigned to any of the bands. One honor band per class will be chosen by a consensus of the adjudication panel.

JUDGES MUSIC SCORES *PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!*****

Band directors are responsible for furnishing **FOUR** copies of music scores for each piece being performed. Measures of each score should be numbered. Music scores should be delivered to the BAND ROUTING CONTROL DESK inside the Illinois Street stage entrance upon arrival. They will be returned with the comment sheets and CD's following the awards ceremony. Please be sure to mark these scores with your school's name for easy identification.

LUNCH

Regular lunches are not available at the Krannert Center. Lunch or snacks may be purchased at the Illini Union or other community food establishments in the vicinity. **Food and beverages should not be brought into the Krannert Center.**

SEATING PLANS

In addition to your seating plan, each band will send its percussion section to assist the stage crew with the percussion set-up (10) minutes prior to their performance time. Please fax your seating plan by April 30, 2009 to Abel Ramierz at 217-244-8810.

Warm-Up Room - (Orchestra Rehearsal Room 2-310)

Bands will enter the warm-up room 30 minutes prior to their performance time. Bands will be allowed 20 minutes for warm-up and tuning prior to departure for the performance area. Please stop the warm-up at the designated time so that the next band may have access to the area.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

In the event of any damage to University property by visiting band personnel, the responsible visiting band personnel or the sponsoring school must pay for the damage. Property damage or behavior problems will be reported to the Festival Chairman who will report the person's name to the visiting school director for appropriate action. Personnel attending the festival are encouraged to visit the Music Building and Smith Memorial Hall. Please remind your visitors that they must be quiet in the halls, as University final exams will be taking place. Strongly urge your students to listen to other ensembles. Proper concert etiquette is expected at all times in the Foellinger Great Hall. Please remind your students of this.

DIRECTORS

Directors should be on stage with their bands for introductions. You do not need to look to judges for approval between pieces. Please be courteous with the use of the warm-up room and leave at the appointed times. **If a band goes beyond the 20-minute limit the director will be asked to cut off the band and exit the stage. The 20 minutes is your total performance time, not the combined length of your selections, i.e., from first to last note.** Violating this rule may jeopardize future eligibility in Superstate Festivals. Thank you.

RECORDING

The performance CD will be given to each participating director immediately following your performance. This CD is to be used for educational purposes only, and is not to be duplicated for any purpose. The University of Illinois will not be responsible for any unauthorized use of this recording.

HOUSING

Some of you have expressed interest in hotel accommodations. Our local convention and visitors bureau has provided us with the following (800) number to assist any of you in accommodations or any other concerns you may have. They will work with you to get the lowest possible rate. They can also assist you with the location of rehearsal halls for those of you here on Friday night and performing Saturday as well as eating establishments. Contact the Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 369-6151.