Dear Colleague,

The University of Tennessee at Martin proudly announces the 33rd Annual Honor Band Festival! The UTM campus will provide the backdrop for the symposium to be held Thursday, January 24 through Saturday, January 26, 2013. This will be an outstanding opportunity for approximately two hundred of the region’s finest young wind and percussion students to rehearse and perform challenging music, work with outstanding clinicians and UTM faculty and interact with UTM students. This year’s festival will again feature UTM Department of Music Faculty and Ensembles in performance on Friday evening as well as a new approach to the directors’ sessions, including a session focused on choral pedagogy for the band director who is also teaching choir.

Since the construction of our new Fine Arts Building is nearing completion with our scheduled move-in date of mid-February, we will be using the University Center as the festival’s location – for the last time.

Conductor’s for the 33rd Annual Honor Band Festival are:

Dr. John Oelrich            The University of Tennessee at Martin            Wind Ensemble
Dr. Russel Mikkelson        The Ohio State University            Symphonic Band
Dr. Barry Ellis             The University of Wisconsin-Platteville        Concert Band
Ms. Susan Waters            Oliver Middle School            MS/Jr. High

Each student must be recommended by a director and should be an outstanding instrumentalist capable of reading and performing advanced literature at his/her individual grade level. Each applicant must submit an application form. In order to be considered, completed nomination forms must be received in hard copy by the UTM Band Department. **No email applications will be accepted.** As director, you must complete the confidential recommendation on the back of the application form. **Please rank your nominees in numerical order, with one being the strongest musician.**

A majority of the communication for this festival will be done via email. Please include your legible email address on the nomination for form for each student.

The fee for the UT Martin Honor Band Festival is **$45.00** per student and includes the cost of all music, conductor’s honorarium and travel, and a *UTM Honor Band* patch. Total payment must be received by Friday, **January 11, 2013** no exceptions. Please make checks payable to UTM Bands. Alternate students will be selected to replace students who have not paid by this date.
Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds. Meals will be the responsibility of the students and directors. All hotel reservations are to be made by the director directly with the hotel. Housing is available in Martin and Union City.

Days Inn-Martin          (731) 587-9577  
Hampton Inn-Martin       (731) 587-5800  
Econo Lodge-Martin       (731) 587-4241  
Hospitality House-Union City (731) 885-6610  
Hampton Inn-Union City   (731) 885-8850  
Super 8 – Union City     (731) 885-4444  
Country Hearth-Union City (731) 885-7774

Applications must be received at The University of Tennessee at Martin Band Office **no later than Friday, NOVEMBER 30.** Based on your recommendations, decisions will be made by the committee in early December.

Please mail all forms to:  
Dr. John Oelrich  
UTM Honor Band  
452 Clement Hall  
210 Hurt Street  
Martin, TN 38238

Please duplicate the enclosed application forms as needed. Selection of the honor band participants is competitive and based on your recommendation. **Notification of selected students will be emailed and mailed on or before December 12.**

An audition time will be included with the acceptance packet. We ask that your students register one hour before their assigned audition times. A complete festival schedule will be found on the Department of Music website (**http://www.utm.edu/departments/music/**) and a hard copy included in the acceptance packet. **NOTE: Audition materials this year will consist of your division or state’s All-State Audition materials for both Middle School/Junior High and High School musicians.**

We sincerely believe the UT Martin Honor Band Festival will be an excellent musical experience for you and your students. Thank you for enhancing your students’ musical experiences by supporting this activity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. (731) 881-7403 or email: joelrich@utm.edu

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Sincerely,

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