

# University of Alabama

## High School Honor Band Festival

January 12, 2017

Congratulations on your selection to participate in the Thirty-Second Annual University of Alabama High School Honor Band Festival. To insure your place in this year's event, please carefully read and attend to the following instructions regarding the festival.

**I. RESPONSE**

If you are unable to accept our invitation to participate in this year's event, please email Heath Nails (jhnaills@ua.edu) and notify him that you will not be able to attend. Please note that attendance for the entire event (Thursday – Sunday) is required. Please take care of this TODAY so that an alternate may be contacted.

**II. REGISTRATION FEE and ACCEPTANCE**

A \$75.00 **non-refundable** Participation Fee is required of all participants. By submitting this fee, you are accepting our invitation to participate. This fee includes admission to clinics and concerts as well as the Honor Band t-shirt. Participants will submit your fee payment via checks or money orders. We **ARE NOT** able to accept credit card payments. Checks should be made payable to: **THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**. **Please mail your check or money order payment to the address below. Checks or money orders MUST include the STUDENT'S NAME and INSTRUMENT in the memo line.** This is very important as we will need to apply the fee to the correct student. Checks should be mailed to the following address:

University of Alabama Honor Band  
ATTN: Heath Nails  
2007 Moody Music Building, Box 870368  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0368

Participate fee checks/money orders should be postmarked no later than **Friday, January 27, 2017**. If we do not receive payment by this date, students **WILL BE** replaced with alternate members. **Once we receive your check/money order, we will email a confirmation to the email address used in your registration.**

**III. HOUSING AND CHAPERONES**

The Alabama High School Honor Band does not provide housing or chaperones for the festival. Participants and/or directors are responsible for making housing and chaperone arrangements. **ALL STUDENTS MUST BE CHAPERONED BY AN ADULT CHAPERONE IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE FESTIVAL.** Students without adult chaperones will not be allowed to participate in the festival. ***Chaperones are needed to transport students to and from the music building for meals. They do not have to stay on campus with the students during rehearsals or classes.*** Below is a listing of hotels in the Tuscaloosa area. You are certainly free to choose any hotel for your housing. This list is provided for your convenience only.

**HAMPTON INN**

600 Harper Lee Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 205.553.9800

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS**

1120 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Tuscaloosa, AL 800.465.4329

**HILTON GARDEN INN**

800 Hollywood Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 205.722.0360

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT**

4115 Courtney Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 205.750.8384

**FAIRFIELD INN**

4101 Courtney Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 205.366.0900

**IV. CHECK IN**

Check in will be from 8:30 – 11:30 AM on ***Thursday, February 2, 2017.*** Check in will take place in the foyer of the new addition to the Moody Music Building. At check in, each participant will be assigned an audition time for chair placement in one of the five Honor Bands. Those students who reside within a 60-mile radius of Tuscaloosa are encouraged to register at 8:30 AM.

**V. CHAIR PLACEMENT AUDITIONS**

Chairs placement etudes may be downloaded from the High School Honor Band webpage: [bands.ua.edu/programs/hshb](http://bands.ua.edu/programs/hshb). Auditions will be held between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Your audition will consist of the 2017 Alabama High School Honor Band etude and a brief sightreading exercise. These auditions are used to determine chair placement in one of the five Honor Bands.

**PERCUSSIONISTS ARE REQUIRED TO AUDITION ON ALL THREE AREAS** (snare, timpani and keyboards). In addition to the etudes, percussionists will be asked to perform a tuning exercise and sightread on timpani and sightread on snare drum and keyboards.

**VI. WHAT TO BRING**

- A. Your band's concert uniform (whatever you wear for your school concerts – i.e. black tux or dress, band uniform, or Sunday dress clothes)
- B. Appropriate clothing for attending concerts and rehearsals (casual)
- C. Reed players should bring plenty of extra reeds
- D. Brass players (except euphonium and tuba) should bring all available mutes (straight mutes are not required from all trumpet players but suggested)
- E. Flutists interested in auditioning for piccolo parts should bring a piccolo
- F. **Percussionists should bring all necessary mallets and sticks for the instruments on which you audition**

**VII. FINALE CONCERT**

The Finale Concerts will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2017** beginning at 11:00 AM in the Concert Hall of the Moody Music Building. The concerts are open to the public free of charge and should conclude by 2:00 PM.

**VIII. SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS**

**SCHOOL OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS FOR MUSIC MAJORS ONLY** will take place on Wednesday evening, February 1, 2017. If you are interested in auditioning for the **SCHOOL OF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS** and are planning to major in music, you must fill out the audition form for the School of Music found here: <http://music.ua.edu/apply-audition/>. Upon receipt of your audition form, you will receive an individual audition time from Ms. Cassandra Flores-Everett in the School of Music office. Remember, these auditions are for those students planning to major in music and will graduate high school in May 2017.

**ALABAMA CONCERT BAND PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIPS** are awarded to incoming freshman students, regardless of major, whose standard of performance is commensurate with membership in the University of Alabama concert ensembles (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and/or Concert Band) who have a sincere interest in outstanding band performance. These awards are based upon a superior level of performing ability as evidenced in the student's **HONOR BAND CHAIR PLACEMENT AUDITION**, the Festival Honor Band rehearsals and the recommendation of the auditioning faculty members and conductors.

The Honor Band Chair Placement Audition is used to qualify students for these awards. **No additional audition is necessary!** These scholarships, in varying amounts, are awarded for the fall and/or spring semester with the understanding that the student participates in one of the concert ensembles during the fall and spring semester. These awards are based on talent and the instrumentation needs of the University Bands, and the awards can be renewable for up to four academic years. These awards are available to qualified students regardless of major.

**MILLION DOLLAR BAND MEMBERSHIP AUDITIONS** will take place during the Honor Band weekend. ***THIS IS FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLY!*** Scholarships for marching band will be awarded based on this audition but only after ALL marching band auditions are complete (late April). High school seniors who wish to audition for membership in the Million Dollar Band can do so during the Honor Band weekend. You will be asked at Honor Band check-in if you would like to audition. If so, a time will be assigned to you AFTER Honor Band check-in closes. A list of names and audition times will be posted outside your rehearsal room for viewing after your first Honor Band rehearsal on Thursday evening, February 2. The auditions will take place during the day on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. There is nothing you have to do right now to register for an audition...this will be taken care of at Honor Band check-in. The audition will consist of a sightreading etude (provided in the audition room) and your Honor Band Chair Placement etude that you have downloaded from the Honor Band website and are currently preparing for your Honor Band Chair Placement audition.

We are excited to bring this musical opportunity to our high school students and look forward to hosting you on our campus. If you should have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. Again, congratulations on being selected for membership in the 2017 Alabama High School Honor Band Festival. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Roll Tide,

Heath Nails  
University Bands Program Assistant  
Camps and Festivals Associate Coordinator  
University of Alabama