

WKU Honors Band Clinic News

40th Annual WKU Honors Band Clinic
Friday & Saturday, January 22 & 23, 2021



Greetings from the Hill!

This newsletter includes information for the 40th Annual WKU Honors Band Clinic, along with instructions for submitting a video audition. Last year, we received more than 850 nominations and selected the top 400 students from more than 60 high schools in the region to participate in the event. This year because of the physical distancing required during rehearsals, we will only invite 96 students from the video auditions received to attend

the clinic. Each student selected will be invited to attend free of charge and will receive a special 40th Anniversary WKU Honors Band T-Shirt, a WKU face mask, lunch, music & more... Please read through this news letter and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
 Gary Schallert
 Director of Bands

Safety First!

Our top priority is to ensure the safety and well being of all Honors Band participants. The following safety measures will be implemented during the clinic.

- Masks provided for all participants!
- Two ensembles of 46-47 students.
- Minimum 6ft spacing between all chairs in rehearsals and performance.
- Shortened rehearsal times with regular breaks to allow for air exchange.
- Hand-sanitizer is located at every entrance.
- Brass condensation collection.
- Bell covers provided for all instruments (flute players will receive a special mask).
- Reduced audience size & physical distancing.

INTRODUCING WKU ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF BANDS - DR. MATTHEW MCCURRY

Dr. Matthew McCurry joined the WKU Department of Music faculty in July 2020 after the university conducted a national search. McCurry's responsibilities at WKU include directing the Big Red Marching Band, the Pep Bands, conducting the spring semester Symphonic Band, and teaching various courses in music



education. McCurry earned his DMA in Conducting from West Virginia University and taught middle and high school band in Knoxville, Tennessee for 15 years.

Dr. McCurry will be conducting one of the bands at the Honor Band Clinic in January and he is excited to meet and work with the best high school musicians in Kentucky.

EVENT DETAILS



Above: Freshman music ed major, Madison Sanker **Below:** Tamika Pullums, a junior music ed major

The bands will be conducted this year by Dr. Gary Schallert and WKU’s new Associate Director of Bands, Dr. Matthew McCurry. In addition, the WKU woodwind, brass, and percussion faculty will be involved with instruction and conducting sectionals as well as Woodwind Choir, Brass Choir, and Percussion Ensemble rehearsals.

Students selected to participate in the clinic bands will be provided music in advance and will be expected to prepare their music prior to the first rehearsals on Friday, January 22nd. We will expect students to take the opportunity to participate and perform in the event seriously and will take personal responsibility to prepare the performance music prior to the first rehearsal on January 22nd.

The clinic begins with registration at 5:30 pm on Friday, January 22nd. The first rehearsal will begin at 6:30 p.m. after a brief welcome and introduction meeting. The clinic will conclude with a public concert at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 23rd in Van Meter Hall. The concert is FREE but there will be a limited seating capacity in order to allow for physical distancing in Van Meter Hall. Each student participant will receive two tickets for family members. The concert will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Students selected for the 2021 Honors Band Clinic will receive a scholarship to attend the clinic free of charge!

INSTRUMENTATION & WHOM CAN AUDITION

We are encouraging all interested high school students that are members of their high school band to submit an application and audition. In order to maintain a superior "Honors" event, students will be selected primarily from their video audition and their record of accomplishments as a high school musician (Chair placement in their high school band, All-District Band, Honors Band, and All-State Band experience, Solo & Ensemble, etc. Students that are selected typically have previous distinctions as an All-District or All-State level player, and have earned “Distinguished” ratings at Solo and Ensemble festivals. Of course, the selection process will be sensitive in the areas of achievement (past honors), as well as seniority. In the event there are two students with equal performance

abilities as determined from the auditions, preference will be given to the older student since the younger student will have opportunities to participate in coming years.

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| Flutes/Picc: 5 per band | Horn: 4 per band |
| Oboe/EH: 3 per band | Trumpet: 5 per band |
| Bassoon: 3 per band | Trombone: 4 per band |
| Bb Clarinet: 7 per band | Euphonium: 2 per band |
| Bs. Clarinet: 2 per band | Tuba: 3 per band |
| Alto Sax: 2 per band | Percussion: 5 per band |
| Tenor Sax: 1 per band | |
| Baritone Sax: 1 per band | |



BAND DIRECTORS TAKE NOTE

Because many school districts are not permitting group travel at this time, we are expecting students to be accompanied by their parents. Directors are welcome to accompany their students if their districts permit out of town travel. Local (Bowling Green) students may attend the Honors Band Clinic on their own with a signed parent consent form. A list of Bowling Green hotels will be shared with out of town students selected to attend. Out of town families will be responsible for their lodging Friday night.



EXPANDED PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

Since we will be selecting and “seating” the bands this year from the video auditions, we will be sharing the performance music with the selected students in December so that they will have time to practice before arriving on campus in January. This will allow us the opportunity to program some significant Wind Ensemble repertoire AND we will also be able to program some cool woodwind choir, brass choir, and percussion ensemble music as well. The WKU Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion faculty along with Drs. Schallert and McCurry, and some select WKU music majors, will be actively engaged with all the clinic participants to provide a musically rewarding weekend for everyone.



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

1:30 pm Music Grant Auditions for seniors
 5:30 pm Honors Band Registration – Van Meter
 6:00 pm Welcome & Introductions All participants
 6:30 pm Rehearsals Begin
 Red Band – Van Meter Stage
 White Band – IRH

7:30 pm Break
 7:45 pm Sectional/Brass, WW, Perc Choirs
 8:30 pm Break
 8:45 pm Rehearsal
 9:30 pm Fine’

3:15 pm Rehearsal
 4:00 pm Break
 4:15 pm Rehearsal
 4:45 pm Break
 5:15 pm White Band warm-ups on stage
 5:30 pm **Final Concert** – Van Meter Hall
 6:30 pm Farewell

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 am Rehearsals resume
 9:15 am Break
 9:30 am Sectional/Brass, WW, Perc
 10:15 am Break
 10:30 am Rehearsal
 11:15 am Break for lunch
 11:30 am Lunch (provided - at Fresh Food Co.)
 12:30 pm WKU Wind Ensemble Concert (30 minutes)
 1:15 pm Rehearsal
 2:00 pm Break
 2:15 pm Sectional/Brass, WW, Perc Choirs
 3:00 pm Break

Students and parents may wish to schedule a tour of the WKU campus on Friday as their schedules permit. If interested, please visit the link below for more information.

<https://www.wku.edu/admissions/tours.php>

Parents: Consider visiting the Kentucky Museum, the Corvette Museum, or the Lost River Cave during the day on Saturday and then be sure to attend the concert at 5:30 pm in Van Meter Hall. Afterward, enjoy a nice celebration dinner with your favorite musician at one of Bowling Green’s fine restaurants.

SENIORS TAKE NOTE



Seniors considering a major in music (Music Performance, Music Education, or Bachelor of Arts in Music), are strongly encouraged to audition for a Music Grant while on campus. The Department of Music will host Music Grant Auditions on Friday afternoon, January 22, 2021. There are also two additional audition weekends in February. For more information, please visit the WKU Department of Music: www.wku.edu/music/

AUDITION INFORMATION

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AUDITION VIDEOS IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020 at 10:00 pm CST. Students, their parents, and high school band directors will be notified on Wednesday, December 9th 2020.

Students shall record and submit a single unedited video of all audition materials. The student may only pause the video between scales and the two required etudes.

1. Link to audition excerpts: www.wku.edu/music/wku_honors_band/honorsbandauditionmusic.php
2. Place video camera or phone so that the student is visible in the video from the front.
3. Once the recording device is started, the student must announce their **full name (first and last name), current grade for 2020-2021 school year, and what school they attend.**
4. The student will then record themselves performing the following major scales at a tempo of the quarter note = 80 to 90 bpm. Scales do not need to be memorized.

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| Flute: | C Major (two to three octaves if possible)
Ab Major (two octaves)
Chromatic (your full range) |
| Oboe: | D Major (two octaves)
B-flat major (two octaves)
Chromatic (two octaves) |
| Bassoon: | G Major (two octaves)
F-flat Major (two octaves)
Chromatic (two octaves) |
| B-Flat Clar: | G Major - Concert F (two or three octaves if possible)
F Major - Concert E-flat (two or three octaves if possible)
Chromatic (your full range) |
| B-Flat Bs Cl. | F Major - Concert E-flat (two or three octaves)
B-flat Major - Concert A-flat (two octaves)
Chromatic (your full range) |
| Saxophones: | A-flat Major - Concert F (two octaves)
F Major - Concert A-flat (two octaves)
Chromatic (your full range) |
| Horn: | B-flat Major - Concert E-flat (two octaves)
G Major - Concert C (two octaves)
Chromatic (two octaves) |
| Trumpet: | B-flat - Concert A-flat (two octaves)
A Major - Concert G (two octaves)
Chromatic (your full range) |
| Trom/Euph: | A-flat major (two octaves)
G Major (two octaves)
Chromatic (two octaves) |
| Tuba: | A-flat Major (two octaves)
F Major (two octaves)
Chromatic (two octaves) |
| Mallets: | A-flat major scale (two octaves)
B Major (two octaves) |
| Snare: | Rudiments: Open and buzz rolls starting at piano with crescendo to fortissimo and back down to piano. |

5. Perform and record the scales and the two required etudes on **ONE SINGLE** video.
6. Save the video and upload to YouTube as an unlisted video. This will prevent anyone without the link from being able to view your video. Copy the link to the unlisted YouTube video and paste into the student's WKU Honors Band Online Application at: <https://wkuband.wufoo.com/forms/zl5tig50ch2juj/>
7. HOW TO UPLOAD A VIDEO TO YouTube: [CLICK HERE](#)
8. QUESTIONS/Problems? Please email us at: Band@wku.edu

WKU BAND SCHOLARSHIPS



WKU Big Red Marching Band

Every student in the WKU Big Red Marching Band receives a special BRMB scholarship regardless of their major or what they play. These special scholarships are awarded at the end of the fall semester and are automatically deposited into the student's TopNet accounts and can be applied toward tuition or any other educational expenses.

First year BRMB students receive \$1,000.

Second year BRMB students receive \$1,200.

Third year BRMB students receive \$1,400.

Fourth Year BRMB students receive \$1,600.

In addition, student leaders receive additional scholarships and starting fall 2021, Sousaphone players will receive a special incentive scholarship.

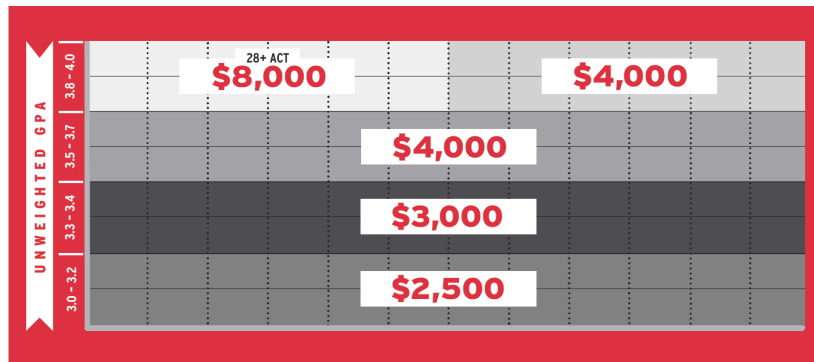
Students that participate in the WKU Spirit Pep Bands are eligible to receive scholarships for performing at WKU Volleyball and men's and women's basketball games.

Students majoring in music at WKU are encouraged to audition for a Department of Music Grant (scholarship). These special awards range from \$1,500 - \$5,000 annually. To learn more about WKU Music Grants, visit the WKU Department of Music and schedule an audition during the WKU Honors Band Clinic or one of two audition weekends in February.

WKU ACADEMIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

It is easier than ever to receive financial assistance to attend Western Kentucky University. Students with a minimum high school GPA of 3.0 are eligible to receive academic merit scholarships. Refer to the chart below and visit the following link to learn more:

www.wku.edu/financialaid/scholarships/freshmen-2122-academicyear.php



Calendar

December 2, 2020

WKU Honors Band Video Audition Deadline

December 9, 2020

Students will be notified of audition results

December 15, 2020

Links to performance music will be shared with selected students

January 8, 2021

Cancellation deadline

January 22-23

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WKU Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, and Band Faculty/Staff:

- Dr. Heidi Alvarez, Flute
- Dr. John Cipolla, Clarinet & Saxophone
- Dr. Keith Sorrels, Oboe
- Andrew Witherington, Bassoon
- Dr. Sarah Herbert, Trumpet & Jazz Bands
- Dr. Natalie Adcock, Horn
- Lee Blakeman, Trombone
- Joe Stites, Euph/Tuba
- Dr. Mark Berry, Percussion
- Dr. Matthew McCurry, Assoc. Director of Bands
- Dr. Gary Schallert, Director of Bands
- Ms. Regina Daugherty, Office Associate
- Kelsey Dunn, Graduate Asst.
- Jessica Graves, Graduate Asst.
- Patrick Sweazy, Graduate Asst.

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