



WISCONSIN SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION

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Challenging youth to achieve excellence through music.

WELCOME!

We are excited to welcome your participation as a selected member of the WSMA Middle Level State Honors Music Project. Please read through all of this important information.

PRACTICE YOUR MUSIC

Your music for the concert program is included in this mailing. Please carefully read the letter and practice notes from your conductor.

Middle Level State Honors selection and participation is a privilege based on your talent and hard work. In order to make the concert the best musical experience possible, everyone **MUST** give his or her best effort and be completely prepared. Practice, **PRACTICE**, **PRACTICE!**

WSMA will contact your school director to ask him/her to help you study, rehearse and thoroughly learn all the music to the best of your ability.

All instrumental parts are assigned based on the adjudicator comments from the anonymous audition forms. If you have been in an Honors ensemble before (bravo to you!), you may not be assigned the same part you had the year before. This just means that you have been placed to specifically enhance the balance and technical ability needed to perform this year's music at the highest level possible.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Please review the enclosed Event Schedule for important information regarding the October Friday/Saturday event.

REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION

Friday, October 27, 2017 – Waunakee Community High School (301 Community Dr, Waunakee, WI, 53597)

- Registration – 9:00-9:55am
- Orientation Meeting – 10:00am (for Honors students and staff only)

T-SHIRTS / BLACK FOLDERS / CD RECORDING / PARTICIPATION PINS

Included in the cost of your tuition:

- Honors T-Shirts will be distributed at registration and all students and staff will wear them on Friday for rehearsals and the ensemble photo.
- A black Honors folder will be given to each participant at the first rehearsal for use at the concert and to take home as a remembrance of the Honors experience.
- The concert recording will be available for download in late December. (Parents will receive an email with download information.) The download is free. In addition, CD's may be purchased online at www.wsmamusic.org.
- Participation Pins will be handed out to all participating students.

Please note: Tickets for the concert are NOT included in the cost of tuition. (See Ticket Information below.)

WHAT TO BRING

- **Personal Items:** Deodorant, tooth brush, water bottle and all necessary articles and clothing for personal care and hygiene. The Marriott Madison-West provides soap, towels and linens. (Please note: If you are staying in a room with 3 other people and do not want to share a bed, you may want to bring a sleeping bag for the floor.)
- **Clothing:** Casual dress for Friday rehearsals (i.e. blue jeans, khaki pants, shorts, etc. and comfortable shoes.) *Honors T-shirts will be given to all students at registration.*
 - **Saturday Concert Attire – Girls**
 - White shirt with sleeves (long or elbow length)
 - Black dress pants or skirt (knee length or longer)
 - Black dress shoes (flat or low heel – please no flip-flops)
 - **Saturday Concert Attire – Boys**
 - White shirt with sleeves (long or short sleeve)
 - Dark tie
 - Black dress pants
 - Black socks
 - Black dress shoes
- **Rehearsal Items**
 - Choir – Water bottle with a secure closing lid, your music and 2 pencils.
 - Brass – Instrument and mouthpiece, mutes, valve/slide oil to last for 2 days of steady playing, **portable music stand**, your music and 2 pencils.
 - Woodwinds – Instrument and mouthpiece, reeds, cork grease to last for 2 days of steady playing, **portable music stand**, your music and 2 pencils
 - Percussion – Assorted sticks and mallets, your music and 2 pencils.
 - Strings – Instrument and bow, 1 set of strings, rosin, mute(s), **portable music stand**, your music and 2 pencils

** All instruments should be checked, cleaned and in excellent working condition before coming to Honors.*
- **Health Form:** Please complete and sign the enclosed Health Information Form. Bring your completed health form to registration.
- **Photo Order Form:** If you would like to order a photo of your WSMA Middle Level State Honors Ensemble and/or an individual portrait, please complete the enclosed order form and bring it with you to registration. Checks should be made payable to: **BUCKLEY STUDIO**.

Please Note: Please pack light. Students will need to be able to carry all of their belongings to and from the hotel.

MEALS / BREAKS

Scheduled rehearsal breaks and mealtimes will allow you the chance to get to know other students in your section and ensemble. All participants will receive lunch and dinner on Friday as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. (Accommodations are available for students with special dietary needs. Please notify WSMA at 800-589-9762) no later than Oct. 13 if any special meal accommodations are necessary.)

There is very limited, supervised free time. Hotel pool use is not allowed.

STUDENT HOUSING

Students will be staying at the Marriott Madison-West on Friday night following a day of rehearsals at Waunakee Community High School. Students will be transported to and from the hotel on staff chaperoned WSMA buses. All students have an assigned Room Chaperone and a Section Coach for all rehearsals, sectionals, and the hotel stay. In addition, Middle Level Honors administrative staff members help supervise and assist students at all times. In order to ensure the safety of each participant and support the organizational needs of the project:

- Students are not assigned a room with their school classmates (or any other requests).
- Students are not permitted to switch rooms.
- Students are not allowed to room with their parents/family.

PARENT HOUSING

Parents who wish to stay in the Madison area on Friday night must make their own reservations. Please note: Participating students must participate with the Middle Level State Honors Project events/schedule at all times. This includes all meetings, rehearsals, sectionals, meals, transportation to and from the hotel, etc. Students are the responsibility of the Middle Level Honors project staff from Friday morning through the end of the concert on Saturday.

CONCERT / TICKETS

Saturday, October 28, 2017 – Waunakee Community High School (Performing Arts Center):

- 1:00pm – Band Concert
- 2:00pm – Orchestra Concert
- 3:00pm – Choir Concert

Tickets may be ordered online in advance (www.wsmamusic.org), purchased on Friday morning at registration or at the door before the concert(s) begin. Tickets are \$13.50 if purchased online (**before Tuesday, Oct. 17**) or \$16.00 if purchased in person. A purchased ticket can be used to attend any or all of the three separate concerts that afternoon.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

If you need to reach your child at any point during the October event, please call WSMA at 608-850-1018.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions after reviewing the enclosed materials, please contact WSMA (800-589-9762).

We look forward to a wonderful and rewarding musical experience with each of you!

WSMA MIDDLE LEVEL STATE HONORS PROJECT

***EVENT SCHEDULE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

9:00 AM – 9:55 AM	Student Registration Waunakee High School, 301 Community Drive, Waunakee, WI 53597 Individual portraits (if ordered) will also be taken during this time. Please plan to arrive closer to 9:00am if individual portraits are being ordered.
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Student Orientation Meeting Waunakee High School Performing Arts Center
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Group Rehearsals and Sectionals
11:30AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch Individual portraits (if ordered) will be finished during this time.
12:30 – 4:30 PM	Group Rehearsals, Sectionals and Ensemble pictures
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Dinner
5:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Group Rehearsals, Sectionals and Group Activity
9:00 PM	Students travel via bus to Marriott Madison-West
9:10 PM – 9:30 PM	Arrive at Marriott Madison-West. Chaperones check students into rooms.
10:30 PM	Room Check and Lights Out

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

6:15 – 7:30 AM	Morning Wake-Up Call and Room Check Students dress for concert, pack their belongings and bring all luggage/belongings to breakfast.
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Students load busses and head back to Waunakee Community High School.
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Dress Rehearsals in Waunakee High School Performing Arts Center
12:00 PM – 12:45 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM	WSMA MIDDLE LEVEL STATE HONORS CONCERTS 1:00 PM – Band Concert 2:00 PM – Orchestra Concert 3:00 PM – Choir Concert Waunakee Community High School Performing Arts Center 301 Community Drive, Waunakee, WI 53597

Emergency Contact during 2-day event: Middle Level Project Coordinator, 608-850-1018

*** Please note** – Rehearsal and meal times are subject to minor adjustments. Time ranges reflect staggered times between the three ensembles.