

Wisconsin High School State Honors Music Project
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
FOR THE FALL CONCERT**

1. *What should I wear in October?*

Casual clothes for two days of rehearsal, plus **CONSERVATIVE BLACK CONCERT** attire as follows:

WOMEN - Conservative, concert black dresses/skirts with long sleeves and hemlines below the knee **OR** black dress pants, black top/blouse with long sleeves. Black dress shoes and black hose. Shoulders **must** be covered. No spaghetti straps, halter tops, strapless dresses or high slits are allowed.

MEN - Black school tuxedo **OR** black suit, (black pants & sports coat), **white** ironed shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes.

ALL JAZZ ENSEMBLE MEMBERS - Dark suits/dark ties/dark shirts (no tuxes) for men and conservative dark attire (long skirts/dresses and blouses/shirts with sleeves) for women.

2. *How much spending money should I bring?*

Students should bring about \$50.00 to Madison for food and shopping.

3. *Should I bring any food for snacks?*

Bring your own snacks as hotel snacks are very expensive. Students will **not** be allowed to order food after rehearsal. Students will be charged for any additional costs incurred beyond the cost covered by WSMA.

4. *Who will I be rooming with at the Marriott?*

Students will be assigned roommates from their same Honors ensemble. There will be four students assigned to each room with two beds **unless** you choose to opt for the double room assignment (online form must be submitted by September 7) Madison-area students must stay at the Marriott. **No room changes are allowed. Please contact WSMA with any questions about housing arrangements (do not call the hotel).**

5. *When can I call my parents?*

Students can call/text parents during breaks and meals. Cell phones must be turned off during rehearsals and concerts and after lights out. The use of hotel room phones is discouraged.

6. *What is the emergency phone number?*

If you need to reach a student in an emergency, please call the WSMA High School Honors Coordinator, Victoria Donahue, at **608-850-1022**. (Note: this number does not accept text messages)

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7. Where can parents find addresses to the rehearsal and performance venues?

Addresses for the rehearsal and concert venues are:

Middleton High School

2100 Bristol Street
Middleton, WI 53562

Madison Marriott West

1313 John Q. Hammons Drive
Middleton, WI 53562

First United Methodist Church

203 Wisconsin Ave
Madison, WI 53703

Overture Center for the Arts

201 State Street
Madison, WI 53703

Monona Terrace Convention Center

One John Nolan Drive
Madison, WI 53703

For hotel, motel and restaurant information in the Madison area for parents, please visit the Greater Madison Convention & Visitors Bureau. The phone number is 1-800-373-6376. Email: info@visitmadison.com or visit the website at: www.visitmadison.com. For information on parking ramps in downtown Madison, please visit: www.cityofmadison.com/parkingutility/maps/downtown.cfm.

8. What about students driving in Madison?

Parents are encouraged to travel to Madison with Honors students. If it is necessary for a student to drive to Madison, please be aware of the following:

- Students **will not** be allowed to drive while in Madison unless it is absolutely necessary and only with pre-approval.
- If a student must drive to the Honors concert location, parents must contact Victoria Donahue with the reason for the use of the vehicle, destination, departure and arrival times before registration.
- **Students are not allowed to transport other students under any circumstances.**

9. Will I be able to attend any other Honors concerts?

Students performing in the second half of a concert at the Overture Center will be able to watch the other Honors ensemble on TV monitors backstage. Students performing in the first half will watch the second half from the balcony of Overture Hall. Students and families are encouraged to stay for the entire concert. Your Honors nametag will allow you to attend the Honors Jazz Ensemble concert on Friday at Monona Terrace. Jazz ensemble tickets may be purchased online or at the door.

10. Who do I contact if I have questions?

Please call or email Victoria Donahue at WSMA with any questions.

donahuev@wsmamusic.org or 608-850-1022 (this number does not accept text messages)