

Dear Kansas Band Director / Student,

Congratulations on your nomination and selection to the **KBA Middle Level Honor Band!** Approximately 115 students have been selected for this exciting event, which will take place **Friday, July 21, 2017** at the Marriott Hotel, 9100 Corporate Hills Drive, Wichita as part of the **Kansas Bandmasters** Convention.

Our guest clinician for this event will be **Ralph Ford**. Mr. Ford is a composer, arranger, conductor, and clinician. In addition to his twenty-nine years of university teaching experience, Ralph has enjoyed a wide variety of professional experiences in the music, media, and broadcast industries. He has over 400 titles available worldwide for orchestra, concert band, jazz ensemble, and marching band. At Troy University he taught courses in orchestration, arranging, theory, technology, jazz studies, and applied brass. Ralph retired from TSU after ten years as the Director of Bands, Coordinator of Winds and Percussion, and Professor of Music. He has received local, state, regional, and national recognition and proclamations for his artistic achievements from academic, artistic, and government organizations.

The participation fee for each student is \$40. As part of the participation fee, lunch will be provided at the event. Your payment must be mailed by May 19, 2017 to insure a spot in the band. Alternates will be notified after the May 19th deadline. We ask that all entry fees be mailed from the sponsoring school district, and we prefer a single check issued from the school or booster organization. Please contact Stephanie Marston if this is not possible. Checks should be payable to: **KBA**, include student names with the check or in the memo, and mail to:

KBA Honor Band c/o Stephanie Marston
6223 N. West Parkview
Park City, KS 67219

Because this is a summer event, it will be necessary for participants to continue practicing consistently to be in great playing shape. Students should arrive on July 21st with their music prepared. We recommend the students look over the music with a private teacher and/or band director.

KBA Honor Band Schedule:

7:30 – 8:30 Check-in	12:45 – 2:00 Rehearsal
8:20 – 8:35 Seated with Instruments	2:00 – 2:20 Break
8:40 – 10:00 Introductions / Rehearsal	2:30 – 3:30 Final Run
10:00 – 10:20 Break	3:30 – 4:10 Change to Concert Dress
10:25 – 11:55 Rehearsal	4:10 – Seated for Concert
12:00 – 12:45 Lunch	4:30 – Concert

- ✓ **Necessary items:** Instrument, music, pencil, and portable music stand.
- ✓ **Dress clothes for performance:** White - shirt/blouse, black - slacks or *long* skirt.
- ✓ **PepWear** will be on hand with commemorative shirts & plaques available for purchase.
- ✓ **Shhh Recording** will be at the convention and will sell recordings of the event.
- ✓ **Parent Session:** 8:30 am - All parents are encouraged to attend and visit the exhibits following the parent session.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us! We are looking forward to a very rewarding day for our talented and musical Kansas band students!

Sincerely,
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