

Middle Level Honor Band – Kansas Bandmasters Association

Saturday – July 17, 2021

Your student has expressed an interest in attending the 2021 Kansas Bandmasters Association Middle Level Honor Band. This event is held during the KBA Summer Convention in Wichita, Kansas on July 17th at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel. This honor band experience has become one of the top honor band opportunities available for middle school band students in our state.

The name **Mickey Smith, Jr.** has become synonymous with the word "music" across the country. As a dynamic and driven sax man that is passionate about music and education, Mickey has been the band director at Maplewood Middle School since 2005. In addition to playing music and teaching, he also serves educators through his SOUND180 EDUCATORS program and supports organizations that promote music education for children; for example, he is president of the non-profit Musicmakers2U, which gives deserving young people musical instruments at no cost. He is currently the 2020 GRAMMY Music Educator Award national winner. This award recognizes the country's top music instructor and influencer in the nation. Mickey uses a unique motivational mixture of music and message to encourage others to KEEP ON GOING and DISCOVER THEIR SOUND. For more information about Mr. Smith, check out his website at <https://mickeysmithjr.com/>.

This is a one-day event and open to any current sixth, seventh, or eighth grade band students during the 2020-2021 school year. The participation fee for each student is \$40. As part of the participation fee, lunch will be provided for this event. Each student's nomination must be completed no later than **April 30, 2021**. Please note that students can only be nominated at this time. Nominations will be evaluated based on a "paper audition" by the KBA Middle Level Honor Band Committee. A student's past accomplishments, solo experience, honor band participation, years of private study, and a director's recommendation will all be considered in this evaluation process. This permission slip allows for your student to be nominated by their band director for this event, but is not a guarantee that your student will be selected for this ensemble. Results will be posted shortly after the submission deadline.

There is a Frequently Asked Questions list on the back side of this flyer. If you have any further questions concerning this event check out our information online at <https://kansasbandmasters.com/events/middle-level-honor-band/> or feel free to contact us directly.

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I have given permission for _____ to be considered and nominated for the 2021 Kansas Bandmasters Association Middle Level Honor Band hosted in Wichita, Kansas on Saturday, July 17th, 2021. I understand the obligation of participating in this ensemble if my student is selected for this event.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. **When is this event?** – The event will be an ALL-IN-ONE-DAY event hosted on July 17, 2021.
2. **Where is this event hosted?** – The honor band is hosted at the DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton located at 2098 S. Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209.
3. **How much does this event cost?** – This event costs \$40 per student. This fee goes towards paying and housing our clinician for the event, renting of all band equipment, printing of programs, the purchasing of music, and lunch fees for each student.
4. **What is the schedule for this event?**
7:30-8:00 AM – Check-in (North Banquet Lobby)
8:00-11:55 AM – Introductions and Rehearsal (breaks will be scheduled the day of the event)
12:00-12:45 PM – Lunch at DoubleTree provided by KBA
12:45-2:30 PM – Rehearsal Resumes
3:00 PM – KBA Middle Level Honor Band Concert
5. **When will students get music for this event?** – Student will receive music via email (to their director and to a parent if an email is supplied) no later than May 21st.
6. **What do students bring to this event?** – Their instrument in working order, instrument accessories, music, a pencil, and dress clothes for the concert. We ask that percussionist bring their own mallets for this event.
7. **With Covid-19, what precautions will be taken place?** – Due to Covid-19, we are asking that all students bring player masks and bell covers for all instruments. Our ensemble will be socially distanced. Each student will be allowed to have two attendees for the live concert at 3:00 PM that afternoon. Our team will be working on a way to air the concert for virtual viewing.
8. **What do students wear?** – Student can dress casually during the day for rehearsals but should plan to dress in concert black for the performances. This means black collared dress shirt or dress blouse with black slacks or a long black skirt, black close toed dress shoes (*boots, sandals, and tennis shoes are not allowed*) and gentlemen are encouraged to wear a black neck tie, a black dress belt, and long black socks. Students will be given time to change into their concert clothes at least a half hour before the afternoon concert.
9. **What can parents and families do while students are in rehearsal?** – There will be a parent session hosted at the DoubleTree Hotel at 9:00 AM the morning of the honor band event you will not want to miss! We will provide coupons for special KBA Middle Level Band rates at different Wichita area attractions.

We look forward to a very rewarding day of making music!