



October 20, 2016

Dear Colleague,

The Central Jersey Music Educators Association is proud to present the 21st Annual State Concert Band Festival. This Concert Band Festival is being provided to foster and promote the growth of the most important aspects of our programs. We hope that you will take advantage of this worthwhile opportunity. Three different schools within the region will host this year's festival. The hosts are:

Tuesday, March 21, 2017: Summit High School
Wednesday, March 22, 2017: Monroe Township High School
Thursday, March 23, 2017: Ridge High School

This festival is open to high school ensembles of all levels. Primary ensembles will perform during the second portion of each evening in Division I and will be considered for the State Gala Honors Concert held in May. Second and third ensembles will perform earlier each evening in Division II. This year's panel includes Darryl Bott (Rutgers University), David Vickerman (The College of New Jersey), and Andrew Yozviak (West Chester University). Each will provide written and taped commentary for your ensemble(s).

The festival provides each ensemble with 25 minutes on stage. Typically, this includes two selections with the option to perform a warm-up piece (not required). As has been the case, Division I ensembles interested in the Gala must choose one selection from the NBA Selective Music List. For access to this list please e-mail Chris Vitale or consider joining the National Band Association (www.nationalbandassociation.org), which will give you access to the list along with numerous other resources.

Application fees may be paid by purchase order PROVIDED the check is received by the deadline of **February 17, 2017**. If paying by purchase order, please be aware that there is an application deadline by which all fees must be received. Plan ahead with your PO and get it in early since your school may take over a month for processing. After February 17, 2017 there will be a \$25 late fee assessed. Any payments not received by March 1, 2017 will NOT be accepted, with or without a late fee, and will be returned.

If you are interested in attending, please fill out the online registration as soon as possible. Due to space and time considerations, bands will be selected on a first come, first served basis. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE: <https://goo.gl/forms/jxumOf5NW2WQdVo63>

Sincerely,
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