Maryland Band Directors Association

Advancing Music Education in Maryland Schools

CALL FOR CONDUCTOR APPLICATIONS

Hands On Conducting:

A Wind Band Conducting Workshop

Deadline - January 31, 2025 - 12:00 pm/noon

SESSION INFORMATION

This extended session* is a wind conducting masterclass with participants selected through an audition process. The participants will each conduct from selected repertoire and receive coaching suggestions to enhance both expressive and technical aspects of their gestures.

- **MMEA Annual State Conference**
  Friday-Saturday, March 7-9, 2025 - Baltimore Convention Center - Baltimore, MD
  Workshop Information
  Friday, March 7, 2025
  *10:15 AM to 12:00 PM
  Room 316-317

CLINICIANS & FEATURED ENSEMBLE

Harlan D. Parker, PhD, *has been the conductor of The Peabody Wind Ensemble and Coordinator of the Music Education Division at the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University since the fall of 1990. He is a Past-President of The International Conductors Guild, an organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the highest standards in the art and profession of conducting, and a member The American Bandmasters Association.*

Rachel Zephir *is currently a second year DMA student in Wind Conducting at the University of Michigan studying with Jason Fettig, former conductor of the President's Own Marine Band. She is the current Music Director of the Rockville Brass Band, a professional brass band made up of current and retired service band members, band directors, freelance players, and community members. The band has been invited to perform at the 2025 Pershing's Own Tuba Euphonium Workshop.*

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

The University of Maryland Wind Ensemble - *Featured Ensemble*
MMEA/MBDA wishes to express our gratitude to the University of Maryland Wind Ensemble and their conductor, Dr. Andrea Brown for participating in this workshop. They have a feature performance at 9:00 AM, prior to this workshop.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Candidate Eligibility & Selection Requirements

- Music education professionals of all ages, cultures, and experiences are encouraged to apply.
- MMEA/NAfME Membership
    - Applicants are encouraged to be MMEA and/or NAfME members. Join/renew here.
    - Membership can also be a NAfME affiliate membership from a different state.
    - If selected, MMEA/NAfME membership is required.
- Selected conductors are encouraged to attend the full Annual State Conference, and will be expected to register and attend the conference on Friday, March 7, 2025, at minimum.
- Selected conductors will be responsible to obtain their own copy of the selected score to prepare prior to the event (purchase or borrow).

Application Information

- **Video Submission**
    - Video recording of a concert or rehearsal (at least 15 - 20 minutes) that displays good amounts of time conducting.
        - The video does not spend a lot of time talking
        - The conductor's face and hands are visible.
    - Video will be shared as a YouTube, Vimeo, or other Sharable Link
        - Video should be set to public and/or unlisted
    - Video Editing - No need for extensive editing, adding text/score/fade, etc.
- **Information**
    - The form will ask the applicant for some identify information such as name, contact information, and experience/background

Timeline

- **January 31 (12:00 pm/noon)** - Application Submission Deadline
- **February 7** - Applicants contacted with results
- **March 7** - Workshop/MMEA Annual State Conference

Workshop Details

Session Schedule

- **10:15 AM** - Welcome/Intro
- **10:20 AM to 10:40 AM** - Conductor 1
- **10:40 AM to 11:00 AM** - Conductor 2
- **11:00 to 11:20 AM** - Conductor 3
- **11:20 to 11:40 AM** - Conductor 4
- **11:40 to 12:00 PM** - Conductor 5

Session Repertoire

- Selected conductors can choose from the following pieces.
    - **Autumn** - Cait Nishimura
    - **First Suite in Eb** - Gustav Holst
    - **Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo** - Malcolm Arnold

Contact the MMEA Team at mmeamarylandinfo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

APPLICATION FORM - Click Here

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