

December 16, 2022

Dear Teachers, Students, and Parents,

Greetings and thanks for your interest in the OWU Music Festival. We had a record number of nominations this year resulting in well-balanced ensembles for all bands and choirs (367 student nominations from 52 different schools across Ohio).

I'm happy to announce that all students on the rosters below are accepted to participate in the 2023 OWU Music Festival, February 17-18, 2023 (parents and teachers are cc'd). Your music teacher will serve as the first point of contact for all festival communication due to the high number of emails that frequently bounce back when I try to contact parents and students. However, there are several important tasks and timelines in this message for teachers, students, and parents leading up to the festival.

Please note that there is an extensive waitlist of students, particularly for the MS and HS Honor Bands. However, opportunities to participate might still arise for some waitlisted students. If a student on a current roster is no longer available please let me know ASAP. If openings occur because a parent confirmation form for an accepted student is not submitted by January 6, or payment is not received by January 20, then I will invite the next available waitlist student to fill any future openings for their section. In such cases, I will contact the music teacher first before reaching out to students and parents.

To express our appreciation for the abundant interest, Ohio Wesleyan will offer discounts at two other upcoming opportunities for MS & HS music students. All students nominated to the 2023 OWU Music Festival (acceptance & waitlist) will receive a \$25 discount toward the [OWU Summer Music Camp](#) (June 18-23, 2023 for band/choir/orchestra students, grades 6-12) and a \$15 discount toward membership in the [Delaware Youth Wind Symphony](#) (rehearsals begin January 15, 2023 for band students, grades 9-12).

Rosters and practice parts for all ensembles are provided below:

- OWUMF Middle School Honor Band
 - [MS Band Roster & Part Assignments](#)
 - [MS Band Practice Parts](#)
- OWUMF High School Honor Band
 - [HS Band Roster with Part Assignment Audition Schedule](#)
 - [HS Band Practice Parts](#)

- OWUMF Middle School Honor Choir
 - [MS Choir Roster & Voice Part Assignments](#)
 - [MS Choir Practice Parts](#)
- OWUMF: High School Honor Choir
 - [HS Choir Roster & Voice Part Assignments](#)
 - [HS Choir Practice Parts](#)

Please make sure that you are fully aware of the following information and timeline of tasks so everyone is on track for a successful festival in February.

- [Timeline to the OWU Music Festival](#)
 - [Parent Confirmation Form](#): Due January 6, 2023
 - [Payment Process](#) (online or mailed by check): Due January 20, 2023
 - Excused Absence Letter: Emailed to all parents on January 27, 2023
- Check-in locations on February 17, 2023, 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM for each ensemble:
 - MS Honor Band: [Hamilton Williams Campus Center Lobby](#)
(Best Parking Option = [HWCC Parking Lot A, B](#))
 - HS Honor Band: [University Hall Lobby](#)
(Best Parking Option = [East Campus Parking Lot A](#))
 - MS Honor Choir: [Sanborn Hall Lobby](#)
(Best Parking Option = [Sanborn Hall Parking Lot D](#))
 - HS Honor Choir: [Sanborn Hall Lobby](#)
(Best Parking Option = [Sanborn Hall Parking Lot D](#))
- [HS Honor Band Seating Audition Instructions & Target Excerpts](#)
- [Driving Directions to OWU](#)
- Meals

Lunch and dinner are provided on Friday, February 17, 2023 featuring a buffet for all dietary needs including meat options as well as vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free. On Saturday, lunch is on your own *if a parent or teacher is present to take their students to lunch*. If parents or teachers are unavailable, then an extra Saturday lunch for students can be reserved in the parent confirmation form.
- Observing Rehearsals

Teachers, parents, and guests are welcome to observe all rehearsals. OWU faculty,

staff, students, and guest conductors will provide supervision and instruction throughout the festival. If any teachers are interested in serving as festival staff volunteers, please contact rdedward@owu.edu.

- Downtown Delaware! Guests may enjoy visiting some of the shops and [restaurants](#) in [downtown Delaware](#) - just a short walk from the OWU campus.
- Practice! Please make sure your parts are well prepared in advance to maximize the potential of your musicianship when we all gather at the festival!
- Part Assignment Decisions for Choirs, MS Band, and HS Percussion:
It's possible some students will discover they're assigned to a part they don't normally play or sing, but please trust this is the best overall part distribution to provide a balanced ensemble based on the information provided. However, teachers should contact us if they feel a student is assigned a part that does not best serve their health. For example, if a choir student is marked as baritone (and that part isn't available), they will be assigned bass 1 and if they are marked bass, they will be assigned bass 2.
- Festival Schedule
Rehearsal times include multiple activities at the conductor's discretion to balance performance goals with student endurance. In addition to rehearsing, sectionals, or leading music games, HS ensembles will typically break every 90 minutes and MS ensembles will typically break every 60 minutes.

Some times or locations may be adjusted over the next two months. Teachers, parents, and students will be notified of any itinerary changes prior to the festival.

- Friday, February 17, 2023
 - 8:00 - 8:30 AM, Check-In at ensemble rehearsal venues
 - MS & HS Honor Choirs: [Sanborn Hall](#) Lobby
 - MS Honor Band: [Hamilton Williams Campus Center Lobby](#)
 - HS Honor Band: [University Hall Lobby](#)
 - 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Ensembles Rehearsals. The HS Band begins with seating auditions (8:30 - 9:30 AM) prior to a 10 AM rehearsal start.
NOTE: To preserve vocal health, the MS Choir will begin their day with a presentation on "Musical Meaning in Recent Disney Movie Scores" (Moana, Encanto) provided by our department chair, Dr. Frank Chiou. MS Choir rehearsals start at 10 AM.
 - MS Choir: Jemison Auditorium ([Sanborn Hall](#))
 - HS Choir: Kohn Room ([Sanborn Hall](#))
 - MS Band: Benes Rooms ([HWCC](#))
 - HS Band: Gray Chapel & audition rooms ([UNIV](#))
 - 12:15 PM - 12:45 PM, Lunch provided

- 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM, rehearsals and sectionals with breaks and activities at conductor's discretion
 - 5:45 - 6:30 PM, Dinner provided
 - 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM, Host concert in Gray Chapel ([UNIV](#)) performed by the OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble and OWU Choral Arts Society
- Saturday, February 18, 2023
 - 8:00 - 8:30 AM, Check-In at **SAME** rehearsal venues
 - MS & HS Honor Choirs: [Sanborn Hall](#) Lobby
 - MS Honor Band: [Hamilton Williams Campus Center Lobby](#)
 - HS Honor Band: [University Hall Lobby](#)
 - 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM, Rehearsals
 - MS Choir: Jemison Auditorium ([Sanborn Hall](#))
 - HS Choir: Kohn Room ([Sanborn Hall](#))
 - MS Band: Benes Rooms ([HWCC](#))
 - HS Band: Gray Chapel ([UNIV](#))
 - 12:00 - 1:30 PM, Lunch
 - Extra Lunch Option:
 - If you signed your student up for the extra lunch, choir students will receive lunch in Presser (Sanborn Hall) and band students will receive lunch in [Merrick Banquet Hall](#).
 - Choir students in the extra lunch will need a ride from Sanborn Hall to University Hall by 12:45 PM. An OWU shuttle van is available to transport choir students to University Hall if they're unable to be picked up by 12:45.
 - Band students in the extra lunch will be escorted a short walk to University Hall.
 - If you did not sign up for the extra lunch:
 - A teacher or parent needs to pick up their student from their rehearsal venue at 12:00 PM to take them to lunch.
 - 1:30 PM, Report to Gray Chapel assigned seating ([University Hall](#))
 - 2:00 PM, MS & HS Choirs Grand Finale Concert in Gray Chapel ([UNIV](#)) (Please remain for the second half of the concert!)
 - 3:15 PM, MS & HS Bands Grand Finale Concert in Gray Chapel ([UNIV](#))

Finally, if you ever lose track of this email, the entire message will be available on the home page of the OWU Music Festival website (owu.edu/MusicFestival) under the link, "2023 OWUMF Roster Announcement".

Thanks again for your effort to make this event possible. The music faculty and I are looking forward to an exciting music festival with all of you in a couple months!

Best wishes,

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