

19TH ANNUAL

WinterFest

INVITATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

December 3-5, 2009

Armstrong Atlantic State University • Savannah, Georgia •
912.344.2682

Students must be recommended by their band directors and should be among the best performers in their band or orchestra. To apply, students must submit their signed application form and a cassette tape or CD representative of their playing proficiency. Tapes/CDs will be used to decide seating placements. Membership is competitive, and students from every state are eligible. Application and tape deadline is November 2, 2009. Students selected for membership will arrive at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah on Thursday evening, December 3, 2009 by 6:00 p.m. for registration. The first rehearsal begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. A \$40 registration fee is required of each participant selected. Checks should be made to AASU. All students should be accompanied by their director or by a designated parent chaperone. Out-of-town students, directors, and parent chaperones can be housed in nearby area motels. Call or email us for details on hotels.

SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 3	6:00-6:55 p.m.	Arrive in Savannah – Register at AASU Fine Arts Lobby
	7:00 p.m.	Participants seated on AASU auditorium stage
	7:15-9:30 p.m.	Rehearsal #1
Friday, December 4	8:45 a.m.	Participants return to AASU stage
	9-11:30 a.m.	Rehearsal #2
	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Lunch
	1:30-2:45 p.m.	Master Classes
	3-5 p.m.	Rehearsal #3
Saturday, December 5	9:45 a.m.	Participants return to AASU
	10 a.m.-noon	Rehearsal #4
	noon-2 p.m.	Lunch
	2-3:30 p.m.	Final rehearsal #5
	6 p.m.	Report back to AASU
	7 p.m.	Concert –AASU auditorium (school band/orch. Concert uniform)

STUDENT INFORMATION

Cassette Tapes/CDs

To apply, students must submit an application and a tape/CD with three to five minutes of playing. Only one performer per tape/CD. You may perform any piece of music you wish — a solo, an etude or study, scales, or even a melodic excerpt from your school ensemble (solos and etudes are best). You should consult with your band director or private teacher concerning the piece(s) you will perform. Submitted recordings determine chair placements. Percussionists are asked to perform on three instruments if possible: snare drum (first), keyboard percussion(second), and timpani (last). **Percussionists should perform selections provided in this mailing.** Preference will be given to percussionists who perform all three excerpts. Percussionists who play only one instrument should not be discouraged from sending in an application. Be sure to use a “high” quality tape. **ONLY ONE PERFORMER PER TAPE/CD.**

Application and tape deadline is November 2, 2009.

You may also download an application at www.finearts.armstrong.edu.

Recording instructions

- Only one player per tape/CD.
- Record on Side A only, at the beginning, using a high quality tape/CD.
- Before you play, state your name, instrument, grade, and school at the beginning of the tape/CD.
- Label the tape/CD with your name, instrument, grade, and school.
- Mail the tape/CD with your application form. The tape/CD will fit in a regular envelope if you mail it without the plastic box.
- Piccolo and clarinet players who play soprano, alto, bass, contra, or contra-bass are encouraged to put a short excerpt on the tape and indicate your willingness to perform on these instruments. Saxophonists and English horn players should do the same.

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PLEASE PRINT

Student _____ Instrument _____

____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Parent's emergency phone _____

School _____ School or Band Room phone _____

School address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Band Director _____ Band Director Email _____

Do you take private lessons: YES NO

Position in your band: Part _____ Chair _____

Other instruments you would be interested in playing:

Flute Performers: _____ Piccolo

Euphonium/Baritone Performers: _____ Bass Clef _____ Treble Clef

Oboe Performers: _____ English Horn

Saxophone Performers: _____ Soprano _____ Tenor _____ Baritone

Clarinet Performers: _____ Soprano _____ Bass _____ Contra _____ Contra-bass

If selected, you will be chaperoned by: (check one)

____ your band director ____ your parent or another band parent

____ not certain yet ____ you live in the Savannah area and will stay at home

Are you taking the S.A.T. on Saturday of the clinic: YES NO

DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that this student be considered for the Winterfest Honors Band. He/she is among the *very best* performers at that grade level in my program. We understand that acceptance into the Winterfest Honors Band is competitive and that timeliness of application and performance ability may influence which student performers will be invited. (Attach a separate letter if an additional reference statement is needed.)

Band director's e-mail

Band director's signature

Application w/recording deadline is Monday, November 2, 2009

Mail this completed form and tape/CD to:

Mark B. Johnson, Director of Bands, AASU, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419-1997

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