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Directors,

Enclosed is all pertinent information regarding State Band Clinic planned for Dec. 6-8, 2012 at the Natchez Convention Center. Please read all items carefully, and respond accordingly.

Failure to follow any of the rules set forth here and/or in the clinic program book, including curfew and concert attendance, will result in dismissal from the clinic and the school's exclusion from future clinic participation.

The final clinic list will be made available following the All-State Band Auditions November 17. All-State Band results as well as the Clinic Band Roster will be posted on the MBA website (www.msbandmasters.com).

Complete Clinic Fee Form (attached):

Fees are \$110 per student. Each school will have at least 2 high school students and 1 junior high student attending. If you have additional students to make the All-State Band, those fees will be due at registration. Make checks payable to Mississippi Bandmasters Association. The MBA can accept purchase orders.

DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Submit to:

Mississippi Bandmasters Association
Reuben McDowell
1009 Broad St.
Columbia, MS 39429

Complete Housing and Registration Form (attached) if your students will arrive Wednesday:

DUE NOVEMBER 29, 2012

Submit to:

Willie and Joyce Rigdon
101 Reid Rd. Lot 16
Laurel, MS 39443
Email: willierigdon@comcast.net
Fax: 601-425-4062

Complete A.E. McLain Nomination Form.

DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2012.

You may download the nomination form from the Bandmasters website and mail it to Mrs. Reece.

Submit to:

Toni Reece
Aberdeen High School
PO Drawer 607
Aberdeen, MS 39730

GENERAL INFORMATION

-All activities will be held at the Natchez Convention Center.

-Registration for students and directors will be Thursday December 6 from 8:00AM-12:00PM, at the Natchez Convention Center. Students arriving on Wednesday will be issued rooms, and will come through registration Thursday morning to pick up packets. *College displays will be set up in the lobby so that students may visit with them before they register.* Students will be issued a signature card for the college directors to sign; filled cards will be eligible for a \$50 drawing per band.

Please call 601-433-8980 to notify of late arrival.

- Each director is responsible for registering his/her own students. Another director may not register your students.

- Substitutions are not permitted without permission from Reuben McDowell. Cancellations should be reported to Mr. McDowell up to December 1.

- No fees will be refunded for cancellations made *after December 1, 2012.*
- Schools are responsible for all fees, and cancelled Wednesday night rooms *after Dec. 1.*
- All Wednesday night rooms MUST be paid in advance.

- Please check the spelling of your students' names and report errors to Reuben McDowell as soon as the clinic list is published.

- Students will be housed at the Natchez Grand, adjacent to the Convention Center. Students must be in their rooms by curfew. Directors PLEASE adhere to this rule.

- Directors are to make their own room reservations. Tell the hotel you are with the MBA.

- The final concert will be held at the Convention Center Saturday Dec. 8, 2012 beginning at 11:00AM. Students will need uniforms for the concert. The All-State Band will need concert black attire.

- All students will be expected to be in attendance at all clinic events and rehearsals.

AUDITION INFORMATION for Red, White, Blue Bands:

All Saxophones (10:00AM-1:00PM)	Natchez Grand Conference A
Flute (10:00AM-1:00PM)	Natchez Grand Conference B
Bb Clarinet (10:00AM-2:00PM)	Natchez Grand Conference C
Trumpet (10:00AM-2:00PM)	St. Louis Room
All Percussion (10:00AM-2:00PM)	Vicksburg Room
Euphonium (11:00AM-12:30PM)	Memphis Room
Tuba (12:30PM-2:00PM)	Memphis Room
Horns (11:00AM-2:00PM)	Concordia Room
Trombone (11:00AM-2:00PM)	Greenville Room
Bass Clarinets (1:15PM-2:00PM)	Natchez Grand Conference A
Double Reeds (1:00-2:00PM)	Natchez Grand Conference B

Requirements:

WINDS/MALLETS: Concert A, D, G, C, F, B flat, E flat, A flat, D flat, G flat major scales, chromatic scale and sight reading.

PERCUSSION: (rudiments) Long roll, 5-stroke roll, 9-stroke roll, Single Paradiddle, Flam, Flam Accent, Flam Paradiddle, Flam Drag, Single Ratamacue, Triple Ratamacue and sight reading. Percussion will audition as listed on the clinic list; snare or mallets, but not both.

Those directors who have been contacted to judge auditions should plan to be available at the above audition times.

ALL-STATE HONOR BAND SECTIONALS

December 6- 2:00-4:00

Flutes and Oboes	New Orleans Room
All Clarinets	Baton Rouge Room
All Saxophones	St. Francisville Room
Bassoons	Vicksburg Room
French Horns	Memphis Room
Trumpets	St. Louis Room
Trombones	Natchez Grand Conference A
Euphonium	Natchez Grand Conference B
Tubas	Natchez Grand Conference C
Percussion	Eola Ballroom

STUDENT INFORMATION

1. Each student must bring a MUSIC STAND- directors need to ensure that this happens.
2. Uniforms are needed for the final concert.
3. Students will provide their own wind instruments and appropriate accessories including mutes. Mallet instruments, timpani, and bass drum will be provided.
4. Percussionists should bring their own implements: concert snare drum AND concert sticks; timpani mallets, keyboard mallets, suspended cymbal mallets and a bass drum mallet.
5. Students are responsible for their own meals.
6. Students should consider the importance of this event and dress accordingly.

DIRECTOR INFORMATION

1. Displays will be in the Natchez Convention Center and will open Thursday morning. You are encouraged to visit the display area; this is an incredible resource, and is an integral part of clinic.
2. CEU's will be offered by Northeast Community College. Directors must register by 12:00 Thursday in order to receive CEU's.
3. Directors must ensure that their students have an up-to-date medical release form. The Mississippi Bandmasters Association, Incorporated, assumes no responsibility for individual students.
4. The Rigdons should be notified of any special medical conditions students' may have.
5. Directors are responsible for supervision of their students and may not leave students under supervision of parents.
6. A separate check is needed for student's housing for Wednesday night (if applicable).
7. **Directors are required to wear name tags for admittance to clinic functions.**

Directors, again, are responsible for their own reservations.

The Eola Hotel (601) 445-6000, and the **Hampton Inn** (601) 446-6770. Please identify yourself as a member of MBA when making reservations. Other hotels in the vicinity are: Grand Soleil (888)-946-4727, Quality Inn (601) 446-5500, Best Western (800)-780-7234, and Days Inn (601)-445-8291.

CLINIC FEE FORM

A clinic fee of \$110 per student is due on or before November 15, 2012. Directors should plan on having at least 2 high school students and 1 middle school/junior high student, provided all dues are paid and forms are completed correctly. If a school has more than 2 High School students attending, Directors will be asked to show proof that the payment process has been initiated with their schools for the additional students.

In Brief:

1. Pay for known number of students now.
2. Set in motion payment process for additional students and be prepared to present proof of such at registration in Natchez. Of course, we will be grateful to receive the entire payment at registration if it is available.

Checks should be payable to Mississippi Bandmasters Association. Please complete and mail this form, with payment, to:

Mississippi Bandmasters Association
Reuben McDowell
1009 Broad St.
Columbia, MS 39429

Name of School(s) _____

Name of Director(s) _____

School Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____



Greetings Band Directors!

The following is information regarding registration, housing, and check in for this year's MBA State Band Clinic which will be held December 6-8 in Natchez, Mississippi.

- If you and your students are arriving on Wednesday, please fax the Wednesday Night Housing form to us by November 29, 2012.
- Wednesday check-in will be from 3:00-10:00 at the NATCHEZ GRAND. Registration will be Thursday from 8:00AM-12:00PM at the CONVENTION CENTER.
- The flat rate for *Wednesday night only* will be \$30 per student. Checks should be payable to MBA. The MBA cannot accept credit cards. The \$110 Clinic Fee covers Thursday and Friday nights.
- Payment for Wednesday night housing should be paid separately from your normal clinic fees.
- Students will not be reassigned roommates after the registration process is complete. If your students arrive Wednesday night, and they are requesting specific roommates, please indicate that information on the Wednesday night housing form.
- Student supervision on Wednesday night is NOT the responsibility of the MBA.
- If you have student cancellations after submitting this form, please let Mrs. Rigdon know at the number below.
- All students will be housed in the Natchez Grand Hotel; they may not stay with parents or any other hotel. Students violating this rule will be dismissed from the clinic.
- Please send all of your students through registration together. Each student must register in person.
- Students will need to pick up packets and name tags at registration on Thursday. All directors will need to pick up their name tags and clinic programs at registration on Thursday. Students are required to wear their name tags at all times.
- Students are responsible for the cost of lost room keys at \$5 each.
- All students are expected to remain for the entire clinic.
- No food will be delivered to student rooms after curfew.
- All students should be checked out of their rooms before the concert begins Saturday.
- In case of an emergency, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Rigdon at the MBA office on the southeast corner of the Convention Center or at 601-433-5362 or 601-433-8980.

We look forward to seeing you all!!!!

Willie & Joyce Rigdon

601-433-8980 (cell)

601-425-9716 (home/fax)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROOMING FORM

This form is due by November 29th or we cannot guarantee you a room Wednesday night. This form is to be mailed or faxed to:

Joyce Rigdon
101 Reid Rd, Lot 16
Laurel, MS 39443
Fax: 601-425-4062

Name of School: _____

Name of Band Director: _____

School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Best Time of Day to Reach you by phone: _____
(This is very important if there is a problem.)

Name of students attending clinic:

Name of students I would my students to room with if possible:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SENDING THIS INFORMATION. YOU MAY MAIL OR FAX (601-425-4062) TO ME AND I WILL ENTER THE REQUESTS AS I RECEIVE THEM.

Joyce Rigdon

BAND DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE: _____

