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Dear Members, Students, Clinicians, Exhibitors, and Guests,

I am delighted to welcome you to the historic city of Natchez, Mississippi for the Seventy-third Annual State Band Clinic presented by the Mississippi Bandmasters Association. We hope this experience will offer each of you an opportunity for reward and continued growth.

Members, we encourage you to take advantage of this beautiful and convenient setting to renew old friendships, extend the level of camaraderie our organization enjoys, and engage in the educational growth opportunities provided by our outstanding clinicians.

Students, our sincere congratulations go out to you for realizing the culmination of your efforts. We ask you to make the most of this educational opportunity. We also encourage you to take advantage of this occasion to build new relationships with your peers and the outstanding educators you are surrounded by. The memories you store this weekend will last a lifetime. We also encourage you to visit our exhibition hall and the university booths located there. They are visiting specifically provide information and options regarding your continued education.

We are extremely excited about the panel of clinicians and conductors present for this year's event. Their expertise, compositional skills, bodies of work and educational priorities place them among the best clinicians our country has to offer. To have this "team" together under one roof is an extremely rare opportunity we should all take advantage of. Please feel free to "drop in" on a rehearsal to observe those traits and teaching methods that have made them the most sought after clinicians in our country and abroad.

To our exhibitors-thank you! Our event would not be the same without your valuable product expertise, guidance, and financial contributions. Your time and presence this weekend is appreciated and what you offer is beneficial to every band program in our state.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude to the management teams of the Natchez Convention Center, the Natchez Grand Hotel, the Eola, the Hampton Inn, and the Natchez Chamber of Commerce. Their work in making this event a reality is immeasurable. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Past Presidents of the MBA and the current MBA Executive Board for their time and tireless efforts regarding this transition. On a personal note.....to my wife Lauren, your love, encouragement, patience, and continuous behind-the-scenes contributions played a vital role in making this weekend a success. There are no words.....

Sincerely,
Andy Sanders
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2010 MISSISSIPPI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION CLINIC SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010

3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.....Natchez Grand Lobby Area
Hotel Registration Only – Clinic Registration will begin on Thursday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.....Convention Center
Director and Student Registration

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Nashville Room
Displays Open (Don't forget to get your vendor cards signed for the drawing)

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.....Mississippi Suite/Convention Center
Woodwind & Brass Warm-Ups

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.....Natchez Grand Ballroom
Percussion & Mallets Warm-Ups

9:00 a.m.....Convention Center/St. Francisville Room/ 2nd Floor
Clinic Audition Judge Meeting

*****STUDENT AUDITIONS*****

Flute (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.).....Natchez Grand Conference B
Oboe, Bassoon(1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m)... ..Natchez Grand Conference B
Bb Clarinet(10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.).....Natchez Grand Conference C
Low Clarinet (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Natchez Grand Conference C
Alto Saxophone (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).....Natchez Grand Conference A
Tenor /Bari Sax (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Natchez Grand Conference A
French Horn (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.).....Convention Center – Concordia Room
Trumpet (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Convention Center – St. Louis Room
Trombone (11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Convention Center- Greenville Room
Euphonium (11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.).....Convention Center – Memphis Room
Tuba (12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Convention Center – Memphis Room
All Percussion (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.).....Convention Center – Vicksburg Room

******ALL-STATE HONOR BAND SECTIONALS ******
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Flutes & 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 Room A
Baritones.....Natchez Grand Conference Room B
Tubas.....Natchez Grand Conference Room C
Percussion.....Eola-All-State Rehearsal Room

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.....Room 205/ Natchez Grand

Delta State Honor Band Auditions

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.....Ballroom/Natchez Grand

State Marching Band Championship Advisory Board Meeting

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor

A.E. McClain Award Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor

I-55 Band Director Meeting

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.Greenville Room/ 2nd Floor

NEMJHBDA Meeting

6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.....Mississippi Suite/ Convention Center

General Meeting

“Audition Results & Student Instructions”

6:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.....Specified Areas

State Band Clinic Rehearsals

All State Band – Eola Hotel

Red Band – Baton Rouge/ 2nd Floor

White Band – Memphis / 2nd Floor

Blue Band – Ballroom at Natchez Grand

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.....Director’s Clinic Natchez Room/Convention Center

Frank Wickes

“Conducting Techniques for Beginners and Professionals”

(An interactive power point presentation designed to help Instrumental Directors get away from beating time on the podium)

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.....Director’s Clinic Tupelo Room/ Convention Center

David Newell

“Rhythm: How Can Something So Simple Be So Difficult to Teach?”

8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.....Vicksburg Room/ 2nd Floor

Mississippi Indoor Association Meeting

11:00 p.m.....Natchez Grand Hotel

Student Curfew and Room Check

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.....Specified Areas
State Band Clinic Rehearsals

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m..... Display Area
Music Listening Available

*****DIRECTORS CLINICS*****

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.....Vicksburg Room/ 2nd Floor
Renardo Murray
“Rehearsal Practices of Three Selected High School Band Directors, An Observational Study”

8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor
David Newell
“Improving Intonation and Expressive Phrasing for Band: The Power of Unison”

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.....Vicksburg Room/ 2nd Floor
Randy Dale
“Nurturing Concepts for the Growth and Development of the Small High School Band Program”

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor
Frank Wickes
“Teaching Tips for Young Instrumental Directors”

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.....Tupelo Room/ 1st Floor
Thom Hannum
“Teaching & Reading Rhythms: A System for Percussionists”

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor
David Newell
“Management Techniques and Musical Skills: Twin Foundations of Pin-Drop-Quiet Rehearsals”

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.....Tupelo Room/ 1st Floor
Thom Hannum
“Coordinating Your Ensemble: A Blend of Practical and Artistic Design Strategies”

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.....Grand Room # 1
Phi Beta Mu Executive Board Meeting

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.....Grand Rooms #2 & 3
Phi Beta Mu Business Meeting

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.....Prentiss Club
Women Band Directors Luncheon

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor
Junior College Band Directors

1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Specified Areas

State Band Clinic Rehearsals

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.....Mississippi Suite/ Convention Center

Mississippi Bandmasters Business Meeting

7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.....Nashville & Mississippi Suite/ Convention Center

Concert by Tupelo High School Band directed by Vance Wigginton

7:45 p.m to 9:15 p.m.....Nashville & Mississippi Suite/ Convention Center

Concert by University of Mississippi Wind Ensemble directed by David Willson

10:30 p.m.....Natchez Grand Hotel

Student Curfew and Room Check

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.....All Rehearsals Same Locations as Friday
State Band Clinic Rehearsals

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.....Concordia Room
East Central Directors Meeting

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.....Vicksburg Room/2nd Floor
Southwest Band Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.....Concordia Room/ 2nd Floor
National Band Directors Meeting

11:00 a.m.....Nashville & Mississippi Suite/ Convention Center
Final Concert

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Natchez Grand Hotel

111 Broadway Street
Natchez MS, 39120
PH: 601-446-9994
FX: 601-446-9957

Eola Hotel

110 Pearl St
Natchez MS, 39120
PH: 1.601.445.6000
FX: 1.601.446.5310

Hampton Inn & Suites Natchez

627 South Canal Street
Natchez, Mississippi, 39120
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