

January 5, 2006

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your nominations for the 27th Annual UT-Martin Honor Band. Enclosed are the selections from your school and audition music. The response for the honor band was outstanding and we wish we could have taken everyone.

Participation fees are due January 30 at \$35.00 per student. In order to be fair to all, payment must be made by this date or students will be replaced with alternates.

**Payments will not be accepted after January 30.** We prefer one check for the total amount made out to The University of Tennessee at Martin and we cannot offer refunds. If you have a student that cannot attend, please notify me immediately. We have an extensive alternate list that we will use.

Directors are responsible for housing arrangements. We have secured the honor band rate so please ask when making your reservations.

Econo lodge-Martin	(731)587-4241
Days Inn -Martin	(731)587-9577
Hampton Inn-Union City	(731)885-8850
Hospitality House-Union City	(731)885-6610
Super 8-Union City	(731)225-4444

**We have something new for the directors!** On Friday February 3rd between 8:00am and Noon, our faculty will present to you various sessions on topics appropriate to their field of expertise. These sessions promise to be informative and practical. Be sure to attend. A clinic will also be presented by Lt Col Frank Dubuy Friday afternoon, please attend. He is an incredible musician, conductor, educator and person.

Auditions will again be Thursday afternoon February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Audition times will be mailed to you soon along with the finalized schedule. Please have students on-site approximately one hour before their audition time. There is no official check-in, so please assist your students. Warm-up rooms will be the auditorium and choir room.

In addition to the prepared music, each student should expect to sight read and perform the following scales:

7&8<sup>th</sup> grade: Concert Eb and G major  
9&10th grade: Concert Ab and D major  
11&12<sup>th</sup> grade: Concert Db and A major

The audition for honor band is the official audition for band at UTM. We have had many students audition already, so there is no guarantee we will be able to offer a scholarship. Students will be contacted after the event if a scholarship is awarded. Students wanting

to audition for a music scholarship need to notify me Thursday of the honor band. They will need to perform an etude or solo for myself and the respective applied faculty member. We will remove them from rehearsal briefly for the audition.

**Final performance attire is coat/tie and dresses/pants outfit. Please no band uniforms.**

Parents and Directors have priority for seating at the final concert. Seats available after all parents and directors have been seated may be taken by students. Please share this with students and parents. The performances are FREE.

Montage Concert will be presented Friday night by UTM. This performance is for the honor band students and directors. Family and friends interested in viewing the Montage Concert should attend the performance at UTM on Tuesday, February 3 at 8:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact me any time with questions at [bamaral@utm.edu](mailto:bamaral@utm.edu) or (731) 881-7403. Thank you so much for the support and we hope to give your students a wonderful experience!

Sincerely,

Brian Amaral  
Director of Bands  
The University of Tennessee at Martin