

CU MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND

The University of Colorado Middle School Honor Band is an opportunity for talented young musicians from across the state to join together in the performance of quality concert band literature. Both the rehearsals and performance will take place at the University of Colorado. Check-in will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26 with rehearsals and the CU Collage Concert that evening. The band will rehearse from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2010 and perform a concert in Macky that evening. Exact times will be provided upon acceptance.

Students may audition for the 2010 Honor Band by submitting a cassette tape or CD and \$15.00 audition fee to their director by Wednesday, November 11, 2009. **Directors: tapes MUST be postmarked by Friday, November 13, 2009.** Directors should mail all of the tapes from their school in one package. Notifications of acceptance and music will be sent to directors in mid-January 2010.

If selected for the Honor Band, students will be expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals and activities on February 26-27, 2010. Parents are responsible for transportation, lodging, and supervision at all other times during the Honor Band weekend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITION PROCESS

• Preparing to record your audition tape:

1. Record one student per cassette tape or CD.
2. Each tape/CD must be labeled with the student's name, instrument, and grade on both the tape/CD and the tape/CD jacket. Be careful labeling! Please use label or sharpie - some CDs have been damaged and unplayable due to ball point pen! Please confirm that your cd has actually burned OR YOU MAY EMAIL an MP3 FILE to diana.wilson@colorado.edu.
3. For best results, make recordings with a high quality microphone and a new, high quality tape/CD.
4. DO NOT add any reverb or alter the audition tape in any way. No metronome allowed.

• Record your audition (as per the guidelines listed below) in the following order:

1. Perform the major scales listed for your instrument. Scales should use the following articulation pattern with an exact tempo of quarter note = 120. (We will be listening for students' ability to play evenly at this tempo. Exceeding the tempo of quarter = 120 will result in a slightly lower score.)



2. Perform a chromatic scale, either all tongued or all slurred, over the range indicated. Play a straight eighth note scale pattern at the exact tempo of quarter note = 120.
3. Perform the etudes listed for your instrument (refer to following pages).
4. After completing your audition, clearly state your name, grade, school, and auditioning instrument. Make sure this is the last thing on your tape.

• To complete the audition process, the director needs the following:

1. The completed Audition Form, signed by your parent/guardian, band teacher, and principal.
2. The audition fee of \$15.00. Make checks payable to "University of Colorado". IF students are auditioning on more than one instrument, or if more than one student per family is auditioning, separate checks ARE NOT required for each form.
3. The completed audition tape OR MP3 FILE to be emailed.
4. Send audition materials to:
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Boulder, CO 80309

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://bands.colorado.edu>