November 1, 2011

Dear Colleague:

The University of Colorado is proud to announce the CU High School Honor Band to be held March 2 – 3, 2012, in Macky Concert Hall on the University of Colorado's Boulder campus. The guest conductor will be Richard Floyd from the University of Texas, Austin. Cheryl Floyd will guest conduct University of Colorado MIDDLE SCHOOL Honor Band.

Please read the enclosed audition information and keep it on file. Please contact your local on-site director to arrange specific audition times for your students. Your students should bring their completed application forms with them to their audition. PLEASE ensure that your students’ forms are LEGIBLE. Audition evaluators will be Allan McMurray, Director of Bands; Matthew Roeder, Associate Director of Bands; Assistant Director of Bands, Dana Biggs; and representatives from the Wind, Brass and Percussion Faculties of CU. Any questions should be directed to the address above or by telephoning the Band Office at 303/492-6584 or by email at Diana.Wilson@colorado.edu if you prefer.

All auditioning directors will receive a list of students selected for CU Honor Band and all students will be notified by December 31, 2011. Music excerpts will be mailed to students by the first week in February. This will allow practice time for your students prior to the High School Honor Band placement auditions and rehearsals. Your support of the CU High School Honor Band by arranging local on-site auditions, or by sending taped recordings for your most talented students will make this event a highly rewarding experience for all concerned.

We are also pleased to announce a new Summer Music Academy for high school and middle school students in Band and Orchestra.

*High School Music Academy*: The High School Academy will be an opportunity for a select number of the most talented band and orchestra students from Colorado and around the country to receive world-class instruction in a one-week summer session, June 24-29, 2012. The selected participants will be placed into a wind ensemble and/or chamber orchestra setting with limited instrumentation and a nationally-renowned conductor. Each student will also be divided up into one of many small ensembles in order to gain invaluable chamber experiences. Students will also select electives based on their interests that will serve as preparation for collegiate music degree programs. Students can use their audition for CU Honor Band as an audition for the Summer Music Academy, or they can audition via the web at [http://music.colorado.edu/summermusicacademy](http://music.colorado.edu/summermusicacademy).

*Middle School Music Academy*: The Middle School Academy, June 17-22, 2012, will be an opportunity for middle school band and orchestra musicians with a wide range of talent and experience to receive world-class instruction in a fun, relaxed and nurturing environment. All students will be placed into a band or string orchestra setting with a nationally-renowned conductor who has experience working with this age group. Students will attend seminars and participate in activities that train the students in the fundamentals of music and music performance. The Middle School Academy is open to all students upon completion of grades 6, 7, and 8.

I look forward to seeing you and your students in the near future.

If I can be of any assistance to you or to your program, please don't hesitate to call.

Cordially,

Allan McMurray,
Director of Bands
DATE AND LOCATION

Friday, March 2 through Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Macky Concert Hall on the University of Colorado, Boulder Campus.

Auditions for the CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND will be held at the following locations. Each high school music director is responsible for contacting your on-site host to arrange specific audition times for your students.

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<td>Allan McMurray</td>
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Taped auditions may be sent with completed forms to:

CU HONOR BAND
301 UCB
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO  80309-0301

Taped auditions must be received on or before December 8, 2011!
EACH AUDITION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Scales: two major and one chromatic scale of the player’s choice, either slurred or in any slur pattern. All must be played no slower than MM sixteenth note equals 240 (d = 60). Scales should consist of the appropriate number of octaves according to the players accomplishment.

2. Prepared piece not more than 2-1/2 minutes – cuts permitted, no accompaniment.

Percussionists: Solo of two to five minutes in at least one of the following areas: snare drum, timpani, keyboard percussion (xylophone, marimba, bells, or vibraphone), multi percussion (two or more instruments played by one player during the course of the composition.) Please check with site host for availability of percussion instruments.

Students may send tapes, cds or may submit an MP3 file via email to Diana.wilson@colorado.edu - in which case, the audition application sheet with all signatures may also be scanned and sent via email or faxed to 303-735-6415.

FEES

Registration: $15.00 per accepted student (paid by the school district in most cases.) There is no fee required to audition.

Recording: Price to be determined and ordered at registration.

NOTIFICATION

2012 CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND participants will be notified by December 31, 2011. All auditioning directors will receive a list of Honor Band participants. Individual letters will be sent to all students.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Of the participating high school:
- select your best students for the auditions.
- contact local on-site host for audition times for your student.
- pay $15.00 registration fee per selected student (usually paid by school.)
- arrange transportation to and from Boulder.

Of the participating student:
- arrive on time for all rehearsals.
- attend all scheduled events.
- pay for meals while in Boulder.
- pay $15.00 registration fee if your school does not (fee does not include personal arrangements for housing, meals, or recordings.)
- bring music stand with your name on it.
- bring an alarm clock.
- concert dress: black coat and tie for males; black dresses, skirt and blouse, or trousers and blouse for females.

CONDUCTOR
Richard Floyd, University of Texas Austin, University Interscholastic League

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS

Special problems or questions should be directed ahead of time to Allan McMurray or Matthew Roeder, 301 UCB, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0301. Or call the Band Office at 303/492-6584
FOR STUDENT:
LAST NAME ___________________________ FIRST NAME ___________________________

INSTRUMENT _______________ FR _____ SO _____ JR _____ SR _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____

HOME ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________
CITY ___________ ZIP _________

HOME PHONE ______ EMAIL: ______________________________

HIGH SCHOOL ___________________________ ADDRESS ___________________________

PHONE ___________________________ CITY ___________ ZIP _________

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR ___________________________

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ___________________________

DIRECTOR’S EMAIL ___________________________

YEARS OF PRIVATE STUDY ___________________________ PRIVATE TEACHER NAME ___________________________

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Please use reverse side for details about orchestras, bands, solos, awards, state contests, etc.

If selected for the Honor Band, I agree to attend the Honor Band on March 2 – 3, 2012 and to attend all required activities and rehearsals, and to abide by all regulations.

STUDENT SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

PLEASE USE THIS AUDITION FOR CU MUSIC ACADEMY AUDITION AS WELL: YES _____ NO _____

FOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL:
I recommend this candidate as an official representative of this high school. I understand that if chosen to attend and perform in the CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND, he/she must attend in order not to deprive someone else of this opportunity, and that in order to utilize complete rehearsal time and to be fair to other players, anyone arriving late to rehearsals may be demoted or dropped from the band. I also understand that the chaperonage of players is the responsibility of each high school, and that each high school is responsible for either the housing of its own members in Boulder or returning them to their homes for the night involved. I understand there are rehearsals on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3 and a concert on Saturday evening.

SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR ___________________________

SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ___________________________

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TONE SCALES (2 major, chromatic) PREPARED PIECE COMMENTS

TECHNIQUE

INTONATION

MUSICIANSHIP