

The 2020 University of Georgia January High School Band Festival

Final Information

ANNOUNCEMENTS: We will make critical *JanFest* announcements using our website: <http://bands.uga.edu/janfest>. Due to changes, we are no longer able to use Remind for announcements.

BALANCE DUE: Fees for all students should be paid before arrival. While payments for additional accepted students will be accepted at check-in, those who have paid their entire balance before arrival will enjoy a quicker and easier check-in.

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING: In addition to items students will need for their overnight stay in Athens, each student should bring:

- Instrument
- All necessary accessories (reeds, mouthpieces, neck straps, mutes)
- Percussionists should bring sticks, and mallets only (all other equipment will be provided)
- *Folding music stand with his/her name clearly marked*
- Pencils

ARRIVAL: Directors and students should arrive at the School of Music on Thursday, January 16th, between 2:00 and 6:30 PM (Auditions end at 7pm). Students from within a 50-mile radius are strongly encouraged to arrive as close to 2:00 PM as possible. Directions will be available at the end of this document and at the *JanFest* website. **ONLY WARM-UP IN THE BAND HALL!!**

Car and van parking will be available at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Deck near the School of Music. Students arriving by bus or any other vehicles (**taller than 6' 8"**) that cannot be parked in the parking deck must be dropped off at the Performing Arts Center loop. See **BUS PARKING** below for details. **Please note that PAC activities will prevent *JanFest* participants from entering the Performing Arts Center building on Thursday afternoon. Those parking in the PAC Deck will be directed to walk around the PAC to the School of Music.**

You may purchase a permit at check-in that will allow you to exit the PAC Deck without any additional charge. Students arriving by bus or any other vehicle that cannot be parked in the parking deck must be dropped off at the Performing Arts Center loop. See **BUS PARKING** below for details.

CHECK-IN: Check-in will take place in the band offices on the first floor of the School of Music. Prepaid in SOM 110 and Unpaid in SOM 108. Directors should designate a single adult representative (**other than the bus driver**) to check in all of that school's students. *Other adults and students may wait in the 2nd floor lobby during this time.* If the group has not already paid, the adult who is checking the group in should have a check (payable to UGA Bands) or credit card for any remaining balance.

Please note that **all students from a school must check in together.** If a director will not be present, a head chaperone must be assigned. Send head chaperone phone number and email to Rob Akridge (rakridge@uga.edu). That person will check all students from that school in. Any student who arrives at check-in without the rest of their school will kindly be asked to wait to check in until the remainder of the students from the school arrive.

"NO-SHOWS": School representatives who have registered students for *JanFest* and subsequently cannot attend, for whatever reason, should contact our office immediately by email for a refund. "No shows" preclude others from attending. "No shows" will be billed for outstanding fees and will not be permitted to register or attend *JanFest* in the future until all fees have been paid. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

CANCELLATIONS: **Canceling** after the deadline will forfeit the student's festival payment.

WEATHER EVENT: No one can predict poor weather however, due to administration fees, we are only able to refund half of the registration fees. Again, thank you for your understanding.

CAR/VAN PARKING: As at many busy university campuses and college towns, parking in Athens and at UGA is rare and expensive. The UGA Parking Services division offers a parking permit for *JanFest* directors and chaperones at a rate of \$5.00 per day for Thursday and Friday. The permit allows parking in the PAC deck adjacent to the Performing Arts Center and School of Music. Permits will be sold as you enter the PAC Parking Deck on Thursday and Friday; permits will not be sold at check-in. Weekend on-campus parking is free. You may need the two-day pass even if your student is assigned to a band at FSB/CC because you will need park in the deck for evening concerts if the surface lots are full. **Parents may want to wait to purchase the Friday pass until they find out which band their student has been assigned to.**

Parking at the Classic Center will be via machines. Credit cards only and rates are: \$1.50 per hour with an \$8 per day maximum (no re-entry allowed). Directors may choose instead to pay to park on-street in Downtown Athens for Classic Center events at an hourly rate. Receipts are now available for much of the available downtown on-street parking (be careful crossing Thomas Street!).

BUS PARKING: While bus transportation is convenient for some schools, our parking situation makes the use of buses inconvenient. **Directors are strongly encouraged to use car and light van transportation if at all possible.** Buses are permitted to drop students at the turnaround between the Performing Arts Center and School of Music, which is located in Lot E11 on River Road. Buses are also permitted to drop off students on Foundry Street between Foundry Street Ballrooms and the Classic Center. Parking Services personnel will be present to ensure a steady flow of traffic in our parking lots. Cooperation with Parking Services personnel is critical to the future of this event and is appreciated. ***Please make sure to have a bus driver other than the band director so the director can register students upon arrival.***

After students are dropped off, buses will be directed to the Milledge Avenue Athletic Complex. Directions are at the end of this document. A shuttle bus will run between the Milledge Avenue Athletic Complex and the School of Music before and after most on-campus events. Should you need a shuttle, call this number 15-30 minutes prior to your desired pickup: 706-542-1505.

AUDITIONS: Students should proceed to warm-up areas and then audition rooms immediately following check-in. Students should complete their auditions prior to 7:00 PM in order to attend the evening concert in Hodgson Hall. Audition requirements are below.

- **Winds:** Students will play the brief festival etude for their instrument. Students may also sight-read. Festival etudes were sent via email in the announcement of student acceptances. Contact Rob Akridge (rakridge@uga.edu) if you need them.
- **Percussion:** Prepare each of the following. Festival etudes included in the student acceptance email.

Mallet Percussion: One brief festival etude, possible sight-reading, possible demonstration of four-mallet technique.

Snare drum: Long roll (orchestral/buzz roll...NOT double-bounce roll), one brief festival etude, possible sightreading.

Timpani: One brief festival etude, possible sight-reading, possible tuning of up to three pitches.

AUDITION RESULTS: Audition result tabulation and festival band assignment will be completed Thursday evening. Results will be emailed to the directors listed in our records. During the clinics, student band assignments will be posted outside each room so students will know the location of their first rehearsal. Chair assignments for individual bands will be posted outside the individual rehearsal venues. Once directors have obtained band and chair placement information, they may share it with their students at any time. If any students are not present on the festival band rosters, directors should email Rob Akridge (rakridge@uga.edu).

FEATURED BAND CONCERTS: Concerts will be held in Hodgson Hall at the UGA Performing Arts Center. Students, directors, and chaperones not rehearsing in the Performing Arts Center should all enter the hall through the glass doors of the main lobby. Please note that instruments and instrument cases are not allowed in the seating areas or lobby of the Performing Arts Center under any circumstances.

Admission will be granted on a first-come-first-served basis to all guest band concerts. Directors are asked to seat all students from their school together in Hodgson Hall with no seats between students. We expect a very full house, so schools are encouraged to bring the minimum number of necessary persons into the hall. The UGA Fire Marshal will not permit concert guests to stand.

INSTRUMENT STORAGE: Between rehearsals instruments may be returned to your hotel, stored in a vehicle, or stored in the rehearsal venues. Though rehearsal facilities will be locked between rehearsals, the safety of unattended instruments cannot be guaranteed. *The University of Georgia and the Classic Center are not responsible for the loss of any unattended belongings.*

TRANSPORTATION: Bus transportation will be provided to expedite the beginning of the first rehearsal, though directors are welcome to transport students on their own. There will also be limited bus service between the Performing Arts Center and Classic Center for the Friday and Saturday afternoon rehearsals. Please see the Schedule of Events for details.

When picking up students from the School of Music or Performing Arts Center, students may meet you at your vehicle in the PAC deck or may board your vehicle in the turnaround outside the Performing Arts Center lobby. When picking up students from the Classic Center Foundry Street Ballrooms, please follow the bus map. Boarding or exiting vehicles at the "horseshoe" on Thomas Street in front of the Classic Center main building is NOT ALLOWED.

LODGING: As indicated in the initial *Jan Fesl* announcement, housing is the responsibility of the directors and chaperones. Several Athens hotel properties are listed in the announcement, including some who are offering special discounts to *Jan Fesl* attendees. Should you have questions concerning the convenience of these properties, please feel free to contact UGA Bands at 706-542-1505. Please consider the festival schedule when planning your hotel check-in and check-out.

DINING: Directors are responsible for student meal arrangements. Athens has a wide variety of dining options at reasonable prices. The Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Athens Downtown Development Authority have been made aware of your visit to our city. Restaurants should be staffed to accommodate your business. You may find lists of Athens restaurants at our website, including many that are within easy walking distance of the Classic Center. Some of the UGA services you may be accustomed to may not be open as normal during *Jan Fesl*. Specifically, the Village Summit Dining Commons near the School of Music will only be open for a special dining event. If you wish to dine with your students at that dining hall, you should visit their [event page](#) to make reservations and purchase tickets. The Red Clay Cafe, the a la carte counter service outlet on the first floor of the Joe Frank Harris Commons, will be available for Lunch on Friday.

FINAL CONCERTS: Call times for Sunday's final concerts begin at 10:00am. Concerts take place from 10:45am to 4:40pm in Hodgson Concert Hall at the Performing Arts Center. Students are strongly encouraged to contact their parents on Friday to let them know of their ensemble placement and their concert time. We will post directions and concert times for parents on our website. However, due to safety concerns we are unable to post ensemble placements online.

For the final concert, concert black for the students is preferred. If this is unavailable, students should dress for their final concerts as they would for a concert at their home school. Jeans, T-Shirts, hats, tennis shoes, and any other garments that draw undue attention to one's self are not appropriate for the final concert, and students wearing these may not be allowed to perform.

Students may attend the concerts of other festival bands as their schedule allows. However, instruments and instrument cases are not allowed in Hodgson Hall or the Performing Arts Center lobby.

FESTIVAL RULES: We want everyone who attends *Jan Fesl* to have an enjoyable educational experience. To that end, the following rules will apply throughout the festival, on campus, and at the Classic Center. Please share these with all who will attend:

- Students may not smoke, drink, or be under the influence of drugs.
- Students must respect the property of festival students, staff, the University of Georgia, and the Classic Center.
 - Instruments and instrument cases may not be brought into the Performing Arts Center lobby or seating area.
 - Students must dispose of trash appropriately in all facilities, including restrooms.
 - Students will sit appropriately during events and will avoid placing feet on the walls, seats, stage from the seating area.
 - Students will not bring food or drink into classroom, rehearsal, or performance areas.
- Students will treat others with respect, will use appropriate language, and will follow the instructions of festival staff.
- All concert attendees will silence mobile phones during attendance at all festival events.
- Students will arrive on-time to all festival events, and will remain attentive throughout.
- Students may not leave festival events unless they are under the supervision of a director or chaperone from their school.

SCHEDULE: A detailed schedule is available on the *Jan Fesl* website. You will also receive a copy at check-in.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

• The University of Georgia Bands
250 River Road
Athens, Georgia 30602-7287
(706) 542-1505

• Athens-Clarke County Police
Emergency 911
Non-emergency (706) 613-3888

• The University of Georgia Police
Emergency 911
Non-emergency (706) 542-2200

• Classic Center
300 N. Thomas Street
Athens, Georgia 30601
(706) 208-0900

• St. Mary's Health Care System
1230 Baxter Street
Athens, Georgia 30606
(706) 389-3000

• Athens Regional Medical Center
1199 Prince Avenue
Athens, Georgia 30606
(706) 475-7000

USEFUL WEB SITES:

• The University of Georgia Bands
bands.uga.edu

• The University of Georgia
uga.edu

• The Classic Center
classiccenter.com

• Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau
visitathensga.com

• Athens Downtown Development Authority
downtownathensga.com

TO CHECK-IN, HODGSON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

TRAVELING SOUTH TO ATHENS: Follow U.S. 29, GA 106, U.S.441, or U.S. 129 South to Athens. Each Joins GA 10 Loop (Athens Perimeter). Exit at College Station Road (Exit #7) and turn right. Turn right at the first light onto River Road. Stay right at the fork. Pass the School of Art and Hodgson School of Music, then turn left into Lot E-11. Continue uphill directly into PAC Deck.

TRAVELING NORTH TO ATHENS: Follow Highway 441 / 129 North to Athens. Each joins GA 10 Loop (Athens Perimeter). Take Loop 10 eastbound (Outer). Exit at College Station Road (Exit #7) and turn left. Turn right at the second light onto River Road. Stay right at the fork. Pass the School of Art and Hodgson School of Music, turn left into Lot E-11. Continue uphill directly into PAC Deck.

TRAVELING EAST TO ATHENS: Travel east on U.S. 78 or GA 316 to Athens. If traveling on U.S. 78, exit onto GA 316 East. Turn right onto the Athens Perimeter (GA Loop 10) traveling East (There is a sign for the University of Georgia/Athens By-Pass at the junction of GA 316 and the 10 Loop). After approximately five miles on the Perimeter, exit onto College Station Road (Exit #7). Take a left onto College Station Road. Turn right at the second light onto River Road. Stay right at the fork. Pass the School of Art and Hodgson School of Music, then turn left into Lot E-11. Continue uphill directly into PAC Deck.

TRAVELING WEST TO ATHENS: Take U.S. 78 West to Athens. In Athens, travel under the Athens Perimeter (GA Loop 10) then take a left at the next traffic light onto the Perimeter going westbound. Exit the Perimeter at the next exit, which is College Station Road (Exit #7). Turn right onto College Station Road. Stay in the right lane and turn right at the first light.

FROM SCHOOL OF MUSIC TO BUS PARKING, S. MILLEDGE ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Exit Lot E-11 and turn right onto River Road. Merge onto the River Road Loop and remain in the right lane. At the crosswalk turn right past the Art School and Georgia Museum of Art. At the traffic light, turn left onto East Campus Road. Follow East Campus Road one mile past College Station Road. At second traffic light, turn left on Milledge Avenue. Proceed 1.3 miles on Milledge Avenue, turn right into the South Milledge Athletic Complex.

FROM SCHOOL OF MUSIC TO FOUNDRY STREET BALLROOMS, CLASSIC CENTER

Exit Lot E-11 and turn left onto River Road. At dead end, turn right onto East Campus Road. Follow East Campus Road through light at Williams/Baldwin Street (East Campus Road becomes Thomas Street here). At Broad Street Make a 90-degree right turn onto E. Broad St. Take the first left onto Foundry Street. Pass the brick ballrooms then turn right into the Classic Center parking lot. Proceed behind the building to the short staircase and glass doors. Students should enter here. If you wish to park here, enter the through the glass doors and purchase a Classic Center Parking Permit and display it as directed.