Dear Colleagues:

This year marks the 30th Anniversary of MIDFEST, the University of Georgia Hugh Hodgson School of Music’s annual middle school band festival to be held December 10-12, 2020. Our faculty and staff will bring you a completely virtual experience that will focus on providing support to our middle school music educators. This event will host synchronous online clinics for our directors; video performances of our three guest bands and the UGA Wind Symphony; pre-recorded music modules for use with your students; and our very first VIRTUAL MIDFEST Honor Band!

In celebration of 30 years of MIDFEST music making we would like to invite your students to tell us what music means to them through our response contest “What Music Means to Me.” The winners will be presented as part of the final day showcase concert on Saturday, December 12th. Responses are creatively open to how your student(s) wish to demonstrate the meaning of music in their life.

DR. TIM LAUTZENHEISER will serve as the keynote address for the final day showcase concert featuring the response contest winners and the VIRTUAL MIDFEST Honor Band.

The registration for directors is $100.00. Students of registered directors may audition for the Honor Band for a $10 fee and will be able to and enter the response contest for free.

We look forward to seeing you virtually this December!

Warm regards,

Jaclyn Hartenberger
Assoc. Director of Bands

Rob Akridge
Director of Festivals

Cynthia Johnson Turner
Director of Bands

Pete Jutras
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IMPORTANT DATES

- Nominations Begin: September 14th
- Nomination Deadline: September 28th
- Student Acceptances Announced: October 2nd
- Student Video Auditions Deadline: October 16th
- Student Response Contest Deadline: November 20th
- Director Payment Deadline: December 9th

Director’s Checklist

☐ Gather the information requested on the School/Director Registration Worksheet & Student Registration Worksheet.

☐ Submit this information by September 28th through the link provided in the nomination email sent out September 14th.

☐ On or about October 2nd, an email will be sent announcing which students have been accepted to VIRTUAL MIDFEST Honor Band. Students will pay $10 fee when submitting their videos by October 16th.

☐ Pay Director registration $100.00 fee (by credit card via the website -by Dec. 9th or mail a check - by December 5th).

☐ Join us for VIRTUAL MIDFEST on December 10th! Receive pre-recorded lesson plan modules, participate in director workshops, watch guest band videos, hear response contest winners, watch UGA Wind Symphony video, hear Dr. Tim speak, and watch the VIRTUAL MIDFEST 2020 Honor Band video!
PRELIMINARY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 10
6:00-7:30 PM
Release of pre-recorded modules to directors
Director workshops
7:30-8:30 PM
Guest Band Videos:
East Cobb Middle School
Marietta, Georgia
Gregory Denson & Valarie Stoney, Conductors
South Forsyth Middle School
Cumming, Georgia
Andrew Poor & Nate Hughes, Conductors
Response Contest Honorable Mention Winner(s)

Friday, December 11
6:00-7:30 PM
Director workshops
7:30-8:30 PM
Guest Band Video:
Flat Rock Middle School
Tyrone, Georgia
Matthew Price, Conductor
UGA Video: The University of Georgia Wind Symphony
Athens, Georgia
Dr. Jaclyn Hartenberger, Conductor
Response Contest Honorable Mention Winner(s)

Saturday, December 12
2:00-4:00 PM
Keynote Speaker – Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser
Response Contest Winner(s)
MidFest 2020 Honor Band Video

Honor Band Conductor
Dr. JACLYN HARTENBERGER
University of Georgia

Keynote Speaker
Dr. TIM LAUTZENHEISER
Music for All
Information for Directors and Students

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students enrolled in grades 6, 7, and 8, recommended by their middle school director are eligible.

**APPLICATIONS:** Application worksheets to help you gather the appropriate information are enclosed. Registration takes place online. Please submit the information from Student Registration Worksheet (due by September 28th) and the School/Director Registration Worksheet (due by December 9th).

**STUDENT SELECTION:** Students will be selected to the Honor Band based on their video audition. Students may enter videos for more than one instrument or more than one part on the same instrument.

**REGISTRATION:** Please register for VIRTUAL MIDFEST by completing the link in the director registration and student nomination sent out September 14th. Worksheets are included to assist you in gathering the information you need for online registration. Student Honor Band video submissions will be due October 16th.

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**SCHOOL/DIRECTOR REGISTRATION WORKSHEET**
*(PLEASE SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION FOR EACH DIRECTOR)*

*Director Name:______________________________________

*School Name:______________________________________

*School Phone: (____)________________________________

*Cell Phone: (____)________________________________

*Email:____________________________________________

*School Address: _____________________________________

*City: _______________________ State:__________________

*Zip: ______

*Best time to call: (work)____________________  (home)___________________
STUDENT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET
Please fill out this form for each nominated student and submit video for each student.

Please submit this information ONLINE by Friday, October 16th.

STUDENT
NAME:____________________________________________

EMAIL:____________________________________________

ALL STATE? (YES / NO)____________________________

OTHER BAND HONORS:______________________________

INSTRUMENT:_____________________________________

GRADE IN SCHOOL:______________

VIDEO PART(S) SUBMITTED:__________________________

DIRECTOR
NAME:____________________________________________

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE:________________________________

NAME OF MIDDLE SCHOOL: __________________________

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Please submit this information ONLINE by Friday, October 16th.

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EMAIL:____________________________________________

ALL STATE? (YES / NO)____________________________

OTHER BAND HONORS:______________________________

INSTRUMENT:_____________________________________

GRADE IN SCHOOL:______________

VIDEO PART(S) SUBMITTED:__________________________

DIRECTOR
NAME:____________________________________________

DIRECTOR SIGNATURE:________________________________

NAME OF MIDDLE SCHOOL: __________________________