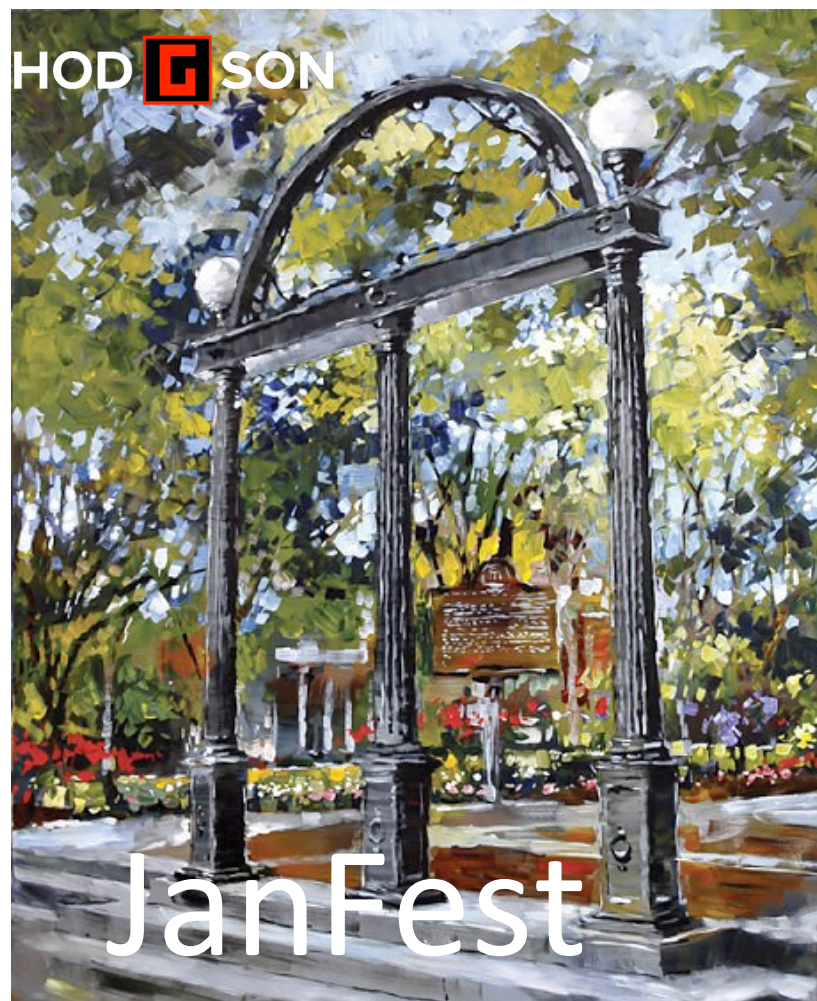


# The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Georgia January High School Band Festival



## IMPORTANT DATES

NOMINATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

ACCEPTANCES PUBLISHED: DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

FESTIVAL DATE: JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>

Dear Colleagues:

We are thrilled to invite you and your most accomplished students to participate in the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual University of Georgia January High School Band Festival. We have a distinguished lineup of guest conductors this year, along with our exceptional studio faculty. We hope you will plan to be a part of this event!

Directors are encouraged to nominate their *most advanced students* by way of the festival email registration. *Saxophonists and percussionists are not eligible for automatic acceptance and will not be accepted as one of your first two choices.* More than two students from a school may be selected to participate in the festival depending upon the total number of schools participating and instrumentation needs. Please do not send \$75.00 festival fees for any students you nominate as Automatic acceptances or Additional Student Applicants. Those fees will be requested after all selections have been made. You have the option of paying by **credit card**. The link to our secure UGA Marketplace credit card processing page will be included in the email announcing acceptances for this year's festival. If you prefer, you may still mail your payment as well.

Nominations begin on **October 25<sup>th</sup>** and must be received by **5pm EST on November 19<sup>th</sup>**. The names of additional students selected will be made available at our website on or about **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. All selected students will be asked to submit a video audition by **11:59 p.m. on January 9<sup>th</sup>** and assigned to either the Honor Wind Ensemble, Honor Wind Symphony, or one of two Clinic Bands after arriving video auditions are judged.

Our wind and percussion faculty have provided brief etudes for students to prepare for the festival audition. We are making an effort to provide materials that are appropriate for all grade levels. The etudes will be included in the email announcing additional student acceptances. Video audition instructions will be included in the acceptance email as well.

Students attending January High School Festival must be chaperoned by adults from the participating schools. When no director is present, we ask that you assign one chaperone to be the head chaperone to handle all festival matters for your school. Please send head chaperone phone number and email to Rob Akridge at [arakridge@uga.edu](mailto:arakridge@uga.edu). As always, we recommend that you check with your individual school systems and adhere to any policies governing such events.

We look forward to seeing you January in Athens!

Warm regards,

Jaclyn Hartenberger  
Interim Director of Bands

Rob Akridge  
Director of Band Festivals

### GUEST PERFORMING BANDS

**Woodland High School Wind Symphony**  
Michael Kobito & Holly Maldonado, Conductors

**Dutchtown High School Wind Symphony**  
Wolson Gustama & Jeffrey Hughley, Conductors

### FESTIVAL HONOR BAND CONDUCTORS

**Honor Wind Ensemble – Jaclyn Hartenberger**  
Interim Director of Bands, University of Georgia

**Honor Wind Symphony – Shiree Williams**  
Associate Director of Bands, University of Georgia

**Robinson Band – Michael Robinson**  
Professor of Music, University of Georgia

**James Seda Band – James Seda**  
Band Director, Southwest DeKalb High School

### **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR 2022**

- **Students will NOT be checked-in individually at the festival.** If a director is not present at check-in, a head adult designate must be appointed to handle check-in duties. The designate should also be given the complete festival information and be prepared to communicate information to all of the students and parents from the participating school. Please send designate phone number and email address to Rob Akridge (rakridge@uga.edu). We request that all students from the same school check-in at the same time.

- Please DO NOT send any payments when you nominate students. Send all payments after acceptances have been announced on or about December 3rd. All directors are encouraged to pay by credit card via our secure Marketplace site. After receiving ALL student acceptances on or about December 3<sup>rd</sup>, click the link directing you to the secure UGA Marketplace credit card processing site in order to pay by credit card. Check payments by mail are still accepted as well.

- Video auditions will consist of etudes that will be sent out in email announcing student acceptances.

- We are focusing on quality, not necessarily quantity. Please nominate only your **most outstanding students (up to 10% of band population)**, in terms of musicianship, attitude, willingness to learn, and promise.

- Directors are asked to notify us of any accepted students who will not attend by the close of business on January 7<sup>th</sup>. After January 7<sup>th</sup>, each school will be responsible for the fees of students on its Accepted list.

### **PRELIMINARY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, January 21**

7:00-8:00 PM                      **CONCERT**  
HODGSON HALL, UGA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**Dutchtown High School**  
Hampton, Georgia  
Wolson Gustama & Jeffrey Hughley, Conductors

**Woodland High School**  
Cartersville, Georgia  
Michael Kobito & Holy Maldonado, Conductors

#### **Saturday, January 22**

8:00-9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Band rehearsals
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch (catered, included in price)
1:00-3:00 PM	Band Rehearsals
3:45 PM	<b>Final concerts begin</b>
7:10 PM	<b>Festival concludes</b>

**PRE-FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students in grades 9-12 who are recommended by their high school director are eligible. Since the festival is designed to serve experienced instrumentalists, directors should nominate **only their most accomplished players (up to 10% of band population)**.

**FEES: COST PER STUDENT IS \$75.** There is no registration fee for directors.

**APPLICATIONS: THE WIND & PERCUSSION APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 19.** To register, gather the information on the Wind/Perc Students Applicants Worksheet for all students whom you wish to nominate. Complete the nomination link in the email sent to directors. Please make sure you have submitted your student nominees by November 19. Additional student applicants who would be able to attend if selected should also be listed when you are entering your first two nominees. An email will be sent to directors announcing which students have been accepted to the festival.

**STUDENT SELECTION: Please list your wind and percussion students in order of ability, regardless of instrument (except saxophones & percussion).** The top two nominees from the first eighty schools will be accepted automatically for festival participation with the above noted exceptions and restrictions. Additional students will be accepted on the basis of the instrumentation needs of the festival bands, student achievement as indicated via registration, and program achievement. Names of the additional selected students will be available on or about December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pay registration fees (by credit card via the website or mail a check) for all accepted students and notify our office of any accepted students who decide not to attend by January 7<sup>th</sup>. After January 7<sup>th</sup>, schools are responsible for the number of students on their accepted list. All inquiries regarding the selection of additional students should take place via e-mail to Rob Akridge at rakridge@uga.edu.

**FESTIVAL INFORMATION**

**SUPERVISION & TRANSPORTATION:** All students must be chaperoned by their director or other adults as assigned by their school. The University of Georgia will not have custody of students and will not assume responsibility for them at any time. Responsibility for student health, safety, and other accommodations lies with the student's school and/or school- assigned chaperones. If a director is not present from your school, a head chaperone must be identified (send phone number and email to Rob Akridge at rakridge@uga.edu).

**AUDITIONS:**

- **Winds:** Students will play the brief festival etude (included in email sent to directors announcing student acceptances) for their instrument to determine band assignment and seating.
- **Percussion:** Prepare a festival etude for each of the following instruments (included in email sent to directors announcing student acceptances).

**Mallet Percussion, Snare Drum, Timpani**

**MEALS:** Lunch will be catered and delivered to each band rehearsal site.

**ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE** Registration will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Concerts begin at 3:30 PM and end at approximately 6:00 PM. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend only the concert featuring their child. Audience will need to social distance and be masked.

**WHAT TO BRING (WINDS & PERCUSSION):**

- **EQUIPMENT:** Students should bring a folding music stand and their instrument (*PERCUSSION BRING STICKS AND MALLETS ONLY*), **both well-identified** for quick return if they are lost.
- **A PENCIL**
- **CONCERT ATTIRE:** Concert black is preferred. If this is not possible, please wear black and white.

**FINAL INFORMATION:** Participating students and directors will be able to view a complete description of the festival procedures online in early January.

**ATHENS HOTEL INFORMATION**

Many local hotels are offering special *JanFest* rates for participating schools. When making hotel reservations, ask to see if there is a UGA Middle School Band Festival rate to receive this discount.

Directors are strongly encouraged to make reservations for accommodations as soon as the list of accepted students is published. Though there are more than enough hotel rooms in the area to serve festival students, the more economical and convenient lodging options will be reserved quickly.

The list below represents properties that university guests have utilized in the past. This list is for the convenience of directors only, and does not imply an endorsement by the University of Georgia.

**DOWNTOWN/CAMPUS AREA**

Best Western	(706) 546-7311
Comfort Suites	(706) 995-4000
Courtyard by Marriott	(706) 369-7000
Georgia Gameday Center	(706) 583-4500
Hilton Garden Inn	(706) 353-6800
Holiday Inn	(706) 549-4433
Holiday Inn Express	(706) 546-8122
Hyatt Place	(706) 357-4523
Hotel Indigo	(706) 546-0430
The Graduate – Athens	(706) 549-7020
Wingate by Wyndham Athens	(706) 995-4000

**OUTLYING AREAS WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF CAMPUS**

Best Inn	(706) 549-1530
Comfort Inn	(706) 227-9700
Country Inn & Suites	(706) 612-9100
Hampton Inn	(706) 548-9600
Howard Johnson	(706) 548-1111
Microtel Inn	(706) 389-4836
Perimeter Inn	(706) 548-3000
Quality Inn	(706) 549-1530
Sleep Inn and Suites	(706) 850-1261
Spring Hill Suites	(706) 353-8484
Sleep Inn and Suites	(706) 850-1261
SpringHill Suites	(706) 353-8484
Perimeter Inn	(706) 548-3000

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
**The University of Georgia Bands**  
 250 River Road

Athens, Georgia 30602-7287  
Phone: (706) 542-1505

[bands.uga.edu/festivals-camps/janfest](http://bands.uga.edu/festivals-camps/janfest)

Our general-purpose email address is **ugabands@uga.edu**. For specific *Jan.Fest* information, please write Festivals Director Rob Akridge at **rakridge@uga.edu**.

# WIND/PERC STUDENT APPLICANTS WORKSHEET

Wind and Percussion Registration Deadline: November 19<sup>th</sup>

This form is for your reference only. Gather the information requested here and submit via link in student acceptance email.

## WINDS AND PERCUSSION ONLY

Auxiliary Worksheet is on Page 5

Please list wind and percussion players wishing to participate in order of overall ability, beginning with the most advanced player. Saxophonists and percussionists are not eligible for selection as one of your first two applicants. Activity codes are listed below. Also, please indicate the chair held by the student in school band, (i.e., 1st I = 1st chair, 1st part; 1st II = 1st chair second part, etc.)

### Director's Checklist

- ☐ Gather information on “Wind/Perc Student Applicants Worksheet.”
- ☐ Apply and submit this information by Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Receive email containing the names of additional accepted students & audition etudes around December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ☐ Submit payments online for all accepted students by January 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Note audition requirements, and assist students in preparing their *Jan.Fest* Video audition. Video auditions are due January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ Join us for *Jan.Fest* on January 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**(In order of ability):**

[illegible]

AS = Accepted to All-State Band in last 3 yrs  
GHP = Governors Honors  
PL = Private Lessons  
OTH = Other independent youth honor ensemble

UGA = UGA *JanFest* or **MidFest**  
 S&E = Solo and Ensemble Superior  
 ASYO = Atlanta Sym. Youth Orchestra  
 DIST = District Honor Band (accepted)