

2017 Sun Prairie Honors Bands

Saturday November 18, 2017

Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School – Sun Prairie, WI

Description:

In 2004 the Sun Prairie Honor Band began and included students from each school in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. In 2014 the event expanded by inviting students from other area schools to audition by recording and adding a 9th grade band to create the “Sun Prairie Honors Bands”. The festival now includes two bands, one consisting of 7th & 8th grade students and another consisting of 9th & 10th grade students. The goal is to provide inspiring musical opportunities for our 7th, 8th, 9th, & 10th grade band students. Lunch, Dinner, a festival T-shirt, and a recording of the festival posted on Youtube are included in the experience.

General Timeline:

- October 18, 2017 – All auditions are recorded and submitted
- October 23, 2017 – Performers are selected, *music will emailed*
- November 18, 2017 – Festival Day!

9th/10th Grade Conductor – Phil Ostrander



Phil Ostrander is Professor of Trombone at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and also holds the position of Principal Trombone in the Minnesota Opera Orchestra. Prior to his work at Eau Claire, held faculty positions SUNY Geneseo (New York) and Bethany College (Kansas). Dr. Ostrander has degrees from the Eastman School of Music and the New England Conservatory. Dr. Ostrander has performed with the Minnesota Orchestra, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra under John Williams, the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Rochester Philharmonic and the Kansas City Symphony. He has also performed with popular chamber ensembles Rhythm and Brass and Burning River Brass. An accomplished jazz trombonist, Dr. Ostrander has collaborated with jazz artists Maria Schneider, Jim McNeely, Jimmy Heath, Claudio Roditi and Rich Beirach.

7th/8th Grade Conductor – Jason Flaks

Jason Flaks begins his 19th season with the EYSO conducting the Brass Choir, which he founded in 1998, and Sinfonia, which he assumed as full-time conductor in 2013. Flaks, a native of Elgin, began playing trumpet at age ten and has been involved with youth orchestras since his high school days as a trumpet player in various area youth orchestras. In high school and college, Flaks toured the U.S. and Europe with ensembles ranging in musical style from classical to punk rock and ska. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and earned his Master’s Degree in music education at Northwestern University in the summer of 2003. Flaks serves as Director of Bands at both Geneva Middle Schools and performs throughout the Chicago area as a freelance trumpet player. His previous teachers have included John Aley, Bruce Daugherty, William Scarlett, and James Thompson. Flaks received the 2013 Distinguished Music Educator Award from the Yale School of Music.



General Festival Schedule:

9 th /10 th Grade - Auditorium		7 th /8 th Grade Band – Band Room	
8:30	Registration	8:30	Registration
9:30	Rehearsal	9:30	Rehearsal
11:30	Sectionals	11:30	Lunch
12:15	Lunch	12:15	Sectionals
1:00	Rehearsal	1:00	Rehearsal
3:00	Guest Performance	3:00	Guest Performance
3:45	Final Rehearsal	3:45	Final Rehearsal
4:45	Announcements & Photo	4:45	Dinner
5:30	Dinner	5:30	Announcements & Photo
6:15	Warm-up	6:15	Warm-up
6:30	Concert	6:30	Concert

Audition/Selection Process:

Students will be required to send an audition MP3 of scales and 2 etudes. Students may record their audition on Smart Music, audacity, or recorder plus app (free) any recording software/process that will create an mp3. Audition requirements are different for each band, please see the audition sheet for your band and instrument. Go to website: <http://www.spbb.org/cardinal-heights-bands.html> to download audition information/instructions and complete audition form.

To Submit Your Audition:

1. Complete the audition registration information at <http://www.spbb.org/cardinal-heights-bands.html> (registration will open October 1, 2016).
2. Audition MP3's are due by October 18, 2016 and should be emailed to jrmesne@sunprairieschools.org Please label your MP3 recording with your first name.last name.instrument (e.g. Jim.Smith.oboe). Please submit recordings with all scales & etudes on one track.

Performers will be selected October 23 and music distributed to members.

Cost:

Tuition for selected Honor Band musicians is \$37 which includes all instruction, materials, lunch, dinner, T-shirt, and a recording of the day posted on youtube. This fee will be paid at registration. Each participating student will need to bring his/her instrument and accessories. Dress for the performance will be the festival T-shirts with jeans (no holes please).

Dress:

Students will be given their official t-shirt upon Registration at Cardinal Heights.

Rehearsal: Student should wear jeans (no holes please) and can choose to wear their festival t-shirt.

Performance: Jeans + Festival T-shirt

Meals:

Lunch & Dinner will be provided and are included in the tuition.

If you have any special dietary needs or concerns, please contact festival directors.

Concert:

Concert will be held at Cardinal Heights Upper Middle School. Address is 220 Kroncke Dr. Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Families can park in front and make their way to the Performing Arts Center, located in the middle of the school, by entering the silver doors in front. There is no ticket cost for the concert. It is free and open to the public.

Transportation:

All transportation to and from the festival is the responsibility of the student.