



University of Colorado at Boulder

College of Music

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September 1, 2016

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to announce the 2017 CU High School Honor Band to be held February 24–25 in Macky Auditorium on the University of Colorado campus! The guest conductor will be Richard Floyd from The University Interscholastic League (Texas). Professor Floyd is a renowned guest conductor, artist, and pedagogue. I know your students will enjoy their time with him!

We will continue to streamline our audition process and make it easy for your students to submit an online audition. Your students have a choice when completing their audition. They can either submit an audio recording through our online application (<http://www.colorado.edu/music/ensembles/bands/honor-band-festival>) OR they can complete a live audition at one of our regional audition sites. ALL STUDENTS (online application and live auditions) must complete the steps below to be considered for CU Honor Band. We are unable to accept auditions by email attachment.

1. Visit <http://www.colorado.edu/music/ensembles/bands/honor-band-festival> and click the link titled “Submit your 2017 CU High School Honor Band audition”. Complete all of the requested information. If your student plans to audition at a regional site, they should not attach a recording. If your student plans to submit a recording online, please name the recording file with “LAST NAME_FIRST NAME.mp3” (ex. mckinney_donald.mp3).
2. If your students are planning to audition at a regional site, contact your local on-site director to arrange audition times for your students.
3. Directors should submit a Director’s Registration Form listing the names of your auditioning students with principal and director signatures.
4. All auditions should include:
 - [2017 Colorado All-State Audition Music](#)
 - Scales: two major and one chromatic scale of the player’s choice, either slurred or in any slur pattern. Scales should be played in sixteenth notes with a tempo no slower than 1/4 note = 60. Scales should consist of the appropriate number of octaves according to the players accomplishment.

Directors will receive a list of students selected for CU Honor Band and all students will be notified by December 16, 2016. Please note that we are using the Colorado All-State music as audition music, and chair placement within the ensemble will be based on the initial audition. Music for the festival will be emailed to the students by the first week in February. This will allow practice time for your students prior to Honor Band rehearsals. I look forward to seeing you and your students in the near future. If I can be of any assistance to you or your program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Donald J. McKinney
Director of Bands
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2017 CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

February 24-25, 2017

Richard Floyd, Guest Conductor

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- ONLINE RECORDED auditions must be UPLOADED BY December 5, 2016 at 3:00 PM!

REGIONAL AUDITION SITES:

Regional auditions for the CU High School Honor Band will be held at the following locations. Each director is responsible for contacting your on-site host to arrange specific audition times for your students.

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
11/29/16 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Cheyenne Mountain High School	F. Jackson Yonce Yonce@cmsd12.org	719/475-6110 ext. 1527
12/1/16 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Grand Junction High School	Isaac Lavadie Isaac.Lavadie@d51schools.org	970/623-3233
12/2/16 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Loveland High School	Kyle Freesen kyle.freesen@thompsonschoools.org	970/444-2263
12/6/16 2:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Cherry Creek High School	Tim Libby tlibby@cherrycreekschools.org	720/554-2344
12/7/16 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	University of Colorado	Donald J. McKinney HSHonorBand@colorado.edu	303/492-6584

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FEES:

Registration: \$20.00 per accepted student (paid by the school district in most cases.) **There is no fee required to audition.**

Concert recording: price to be determined and ordered at registration.

NOTIFICATION:

Students selected for the 2017 CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND will be notified by December 16, 2016. All auditioning directors will receive a list of Honor Band participants.

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 \$20.00 registration fee per selected student (usually paid by the 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 \$20.00 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.
- concert dress: black coat and tie for males; black dresses, skirt and blouse, or trousers and blouse for females.

QUESTIONS:

Problems or questions should be directed to Chris Huls at HSHonorBand@colorado.edu or call the CU Band Office at 303/492-6584.