

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
CYCLONE HONOR BAND FESTIVAL
2019

ABOUT THE HONOR BANDS AND THE EVENT...

We are proud to announce that we will have two superb honor bands this year! We are excited about this format and our two outstanding conductors. There will also be clinic session for the directors by Johan deMeij, who will be one of our guest conductors.

Our intention is to make the Gold Band the finest high school honor band ever assembled in our state. This ensemble will have approximately 75 members. The Cardinal Band will have about 100-110 members.

The GOLD BAND will be conducted by the eminent Dutch composer and conductor Johan de Meij. Membership in this ensemble will be limited to the finest musicians in the state. Students should be a member of the All-State Band for inclusion in this ensemble. We realize the All-State selection process is not perfect. If you have a student that you feel is truly outstanding you may submit their name(s) but be sure to document the student's accomplishments.

Students not selected for the GOLD BAND will automatically be considered for the CARDINAL BAND, and will take precedence over your nominations for the Cardinal Band.

The CARDINAL BAND will be conducted by Rudy Pletting, who is the conductor of the St. Caecilia Wind Ensemble in the Netherlands. Recommend your outstanding student musicians for this group; preferably sophomores, juniors and seniors, All-State or Honor Band caliber; serious students in your program who have already achieved success in music or who show outstanding promise and potential.

MUSIC will be sent electronically to all participants with the acceptance notification – and in your hands by December 10. A complete schedule and information will also be available at this time, available from our website. The festival will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 1 – and conclude with the final concert on Saturday, February 2 at 3:00 pm.

There is a charge per student of \$22 for participation in the Cyclone Honor Bands. There are no meals provided in the cost of registration. If your student(s) would like to eat dinner on Friday at our University Dining Center (all you can eat – wide variety of food options) – that cost is \$12.50 and they can purchase that ticket at the Dining Center. We are not selling those in advance.

PLEASE NOTE: Once your students are selected (forms are due to us by December 3), we ask you to please pay non-refundable participation fees in advance. **FEES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 25.**

The honor bands concert will be held at Stephens Auditorium on Saturday, February 2 at 3:00 p.m. Admission to the concert for non-participants is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, students, and senior citizens over 65. Each director in attendance will receive one complimentary ticket to this concert.