

SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL BANDS
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February 9, 2009,

Dear Band Director,

This is your invitation to take part in the 2009 MBDA Concert Band Festival. The festival will be held at Scarborough High School on **THURSDAY, APRIL 2**, and **FRIDAY, APRIL 3**. All bands will perform on stage and then move on to the band room for a 20-minute clinic with one of the four adjudicators. Adjudicators are William Drury of New England Conservatory of Music, Gene Pollart of the University of Rhode Island, Doug Nelson, and hopefully Lt. Alpar of Hanscom AFB.

The philosophy of this festival is to stimulate and foster greater interest in concert band music, and to provide an exchange of instrumental concepts, which will be of benefit to students and directors. Since listening is one of the best ways musicians learn, we hope to encourage students to listen to bands from other schools as well.

You will be asked to provide a description of your band and any details which will be useful to the adjudicators who will be working with your group. Bands will be allowed to perform any three selections of their choice (within the time limit of 20 minutes.) There will be no sight-reading. This is a non-competitive event in which directors may opt for a rating, (I – V) or for comments only. No results or ratings will be posted at the festival. Judges comments will be both taped and written.

Past festivals have been very successful and well attended. We can take only the first 25 applications received, so please return the enclosed form, with check or copy of purchase order as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

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I am looking forward to hearing your band.

Sincerely,
Renee Richardson