University of Colorado at Boulder

College of Music

18th and Euclid Avenue
301 UCB
Boulder, Colorado 80309-0301

October 1, 2013

Dear Colleague:

The University of Colorado Boulder is pleased to host our annual CU High School Honor Band which will be held February 28-March 1, 2014 in Macky Auditorium. The guest conductor will be Dr. Jack Stamp from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Information regarding the event is attached to this letter. Please contact your local on-site director to arrange specific audition times for your students. Your students should bring their completed audition application forms to their audition. Audition evaluators will be Donald McKinney, Director of Bands; Matthew Roeder, Associate Director of Bands; Jeff Miller, Interim Assistant Director of Bands; and representatives from the wind, brass, and percussion faculties of CU. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the band office at 303.492.6584 or by email at Diana.Wilson@colorado.edu.

All directors will receive a list of students who have been selected for CU Honor Band and students will be notified by December 31, 2013. Seating audition excerpts will be mailed to the students by the first week in February. This will give students time to practice for placement auditions and rehearsals.

In addition to the CU Honor Band, we are continuing to host our annual Summer Music Academy for high school and middle school students in Band and Orchestra. The High School Music Academy has a limited instrumentation, however there is no longer a required audition for acceptance. More information will be available at: http://www.colorado.edu/music/k-12/cu-summer-music-academy.

High School Music Academy – June 15 – 20, 2014: The High School Music Academy is an opportunity for the most talented band and orchestra students from Colorado and around the country to receive world-class instruction in a one-week summer session. Participants will be placed into a wind ensemble and/or chamber orchestra setting and work with the CU music faculty. Each student will also be divided up into one of many small ensembles in order to gain valuable chamber experiences. Students will also select electives based on their interests that will serve as preparation for collegiate music degree programs.

Middle School Music Academy – June 22 – 27, 2014: The Middle School Music Academy is an opportunity for middle school band and orchestra musicians with a wide range of talent and experience to receive world-class instruction in a fun, relaxed and nurturing environment. All students will be placed into a band or string orchestra setting with a nationally renowned conductor who has experience working with this age group. Students will attend seminars and participate in activities that train the students in the fundamentals of music and music performance. The Middle School Music Academy is open to all students upon completion of grades 6, 7, and 8.

Thank you for your support of CU Honor Band. The event promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience for everyone. If I can be of assistance to you or your program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Donald J. McKinney
Director of Bands

CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND
Dr. Jack Stamp, Guest Conductor

DATE AND LOCATION

Friday, February 28 – March 1, 2014 in Macky Concert Hall on the University of Colorado, Boulder Campus.

Auditions for the CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND will be held at the following locations. Each high school music director is responsible for contacting your on-site host to arrange specific audition times for your students.

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	HOST	PHONE
12/02/13 3:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Cheyenne Mountain High School	F. Jackson Yonce yonce@cmsd12.org	719/475-6110
12/04/13 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Legacy High School	J. Clayton Stansberry clay.stansberry@adams12.org	720/972-6817
12/05/12 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Grand Junction High School	Isaac Lavadie Isaac.Lavadie@d51schools.org	970/623-3233
12/06/13 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Smoky Hill High School - Aurora	Zak Ruffert zruffert@cherrycreekschools.org	720/886-5532
12/06/13 3:00 p.m. ->	Highlands Ranch High School	Kevin Larsen kclarsen@dcsdk12.org	303/982-8160
TBA 3:30p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	NORTHERN COLORADO area		
12/12/13 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	University of Colorado (and taped auditions may be sent)	Donald J. McKinney (Diana.wilson@colorado.edu)	303/492-6584

Taped auditions may be sent **with completed forms** to:

CU HONOR BAND
301 UCB
University of Colorado
Boulder, CO 80309-0301

Taped auditions must be **received on or before December 12, 2013!**
NOTE: If sending taped auditions, please confirm that the CD has burned and is playable. Also – please do not use ballpoint pen to write on CDs.

EACH AUDITION SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. Scales: two major and one chromatic scale of the player's choice, either slurred or in any slur pattern. All scales must be played no slower than MM sixteenth note equals 240 (1/4 note = 60). Scales should consist of the appropriate number of octaves according to the players' accomplishment.

2. Prepared piece not more than 2-1/2 minutes – cuts permitted, no accompaniment.

Percussionists: Solo of two to five minutes in at least one of the following areas: snare drum, timpani, keyboard percussion (xylophone, marimba, bells, or vibraphone), multi percussion (two or more instruments played by one player during the course of the composition.) Please check with site host for availability of percussion instruments.

Students may send a CD or submit an MP3 file via email to Diana.wilson@colorado.edu - in which case, the audition application sheet with all signatures must also be scanned and sent via email or faxed to 303-735-6415. CD's should be mailed to:

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FEES

Registration: $15.00 per accepted student (paid by the school district in most cases.) **There is no fee required to audition**.

Recording: Price to be determined and ordered at registration.

NOTIFICATION

2014 CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND participants will be notified by December 31, 2013. All auditioning directors will receive a list of Honor Band participants. Individual acceptance letters will be sent to all students.

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 $15.00 registration fee per selected student (usually paid by 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 $15.00 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.
- bring an alarm clock.
- concert dress: black coat and tie for males; black dresses, skirt and blouse, or trousers and blouse for females.

CONDUCTOR

Dr. Jack Stamp – Indiana University of Pennsylvania

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS

Special problems or questions should be directed ahead of time to Donald McKinney or Matthew Roeder, 301 UCB, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO 80309-0301. Or call the Band Office at 303/492-6584

SCORE_____

INITIALS_____

2014

APPLICATION FOR CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT VERY CLEARLY)

FOR STUDENT:

LAST NAME_____FIRST NAME_____

INSTRUMENT_____FR_____SO_____JR_____SR_____MALE____FEMALE_____

HOME ADDRESS_____CITY_____ZIP_____

HOME PHONE_____**EMAIL:**_____

HIGH SCHOOL_____ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____CITY_____ZIP_____

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NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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DIRECTOR'S EMAIL

YEARS OF PRIVATE STUDY_____ _____

PRIVATE TEACHER NAME

PLAYING EXPERIENCE: Please use reverse side for details about orchestras, bands, solos, awards, state contests, etc.

If selected for the Honor Band, I agree to attend the Honor Band on February 28 – March 1, 2014 and to attend all required activities and rehearsals, and to abide by all regulations.

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STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

PLEASE USE THIS AUDITION FOR CU MUSIC ACADEMY AUDITION AS WELL: YES_____NO_____

FOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL:

I recommend this candidate as an official representative of this high school. I understand that if chosen to attend and perform in the CU HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND, he/she must attend in order not to deprive someone else of this opportunity, and that in order to utilize complete rehearsal time and to be fair to other players, anyone arriving late to rehearsals may be demoted or dropped from the band. I also understand that the chaperonage of players is the responsibility of each high school, and that each high school is responsible for either the housing of its own members in Boulder or returning them to their homes for the night involved. I understand there are rehearsals on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1 and a concert on Saturday evening.

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SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR SIGNATURE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

- please do not write below this line- -

	SCALES (two major & chromatic)	**PREPARED PIECE**	**COMMENTS**
TONE (25)			
TECHNIQUE (25)			
INTONATION (25)			
MUSICIANSHIP (25)			