



September 7, 2018

Junior High Band Director,

The North Dakota chapter of the National Band Association is pleased to announce the Twenty-Fourth Annual Junior High All-State Band Festival to be held March 8 & 9, 2019, at Mandan High School. Tracy Wright has been hired to serve as the guest conductor for this special event. The mission of the NDNBA Junior High All-State Band Festival is to provide:

- ❖ a unique educational experience and musical opportunity for exceptional junior high band students.
- ❖ an opportunity for students to work with a noted guest conductor as well as other talented instrumentalists.
- ❖ acknowledgment of student achievement at the junior high level.
- ❖ motivation at this crucial stage of development.
- ❖ Exposure for the North Dakota National Band Association



Tracy Wright, guest conductor

Tracy D. Wright is in his third year as the Director of Bands at Ringgold High School. For the previous 23 years he served as the Director of Bands at Ringgold Middle School and Assistant Director of the Marching Tiger Band. He also serves on the Operations Staff for the American Band College in Ashland, OR and the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, WA. At ABC and WIBC, Mr. Wright has had the privilege to work and collaborate with the best in the business including Frank Wickes, Paula Crider, David Holsinger, Johan de Meij, Frank Ticheli, Joe Alessi, Eugene Rousseau, Doc Severinsen, the Canadian Brass, and Colonel Arnald Gabriel.

Mr. Wright was named the RMS Teacher of the Year for the 2000-2001 academic year and has received three Citation of Excellence awards from the National Band Association (2002, 2005, 2011). Mr. Wright is a member of several professional organizations and an elected member of the ASBDA and Phi Beta Mu. He has served GMEA as District VII band chair, and Vice-President of All-State events for the State of Georgia.

A marching, concert, and jazz band clinician and adjudicator, Mr. Wright most recently conducted the South Carolina and Mississippi All-State Bands, the State Honors Ensemble of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, and will conduct the North Dakota All-State Band in 2019. Mr. Wright was awarded the Master of Music in Conducting from the American Band College at Southern Oregon University in 2004. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL in 1992. At JSU, Mr. Wright served as a drum major of the nationally renowned Marching Southerners, and was a student of Ronald C. Attinger and David L. Walters.

A native of Ringgold, Georgia, Mr. Wright is a member of Quitman Lodge No. 106, Free & Accepted Masons, the York Rite and Scottish Rite. He lives in Chickamauga with his wife Amy, the media specialist at Ringgold Primary School, and their daughter Georgia Lou. Mr. Wright serves as an Elder and is active in the music department at Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Chattanooga, TN.

Eligibility: The NDNBA Junior High All-State Band Festival is open to all Seventh and Eighth grade band students in the state of North Dakota.

Tentative Schedule: Friday, March 8

1:30 – 2:00	Registration
2:00 – 5:00	Rehearsal
5:00 – 5:45	Pizza Party Supper at Mandan High (included in registration fee)
5:45 – 6:45	Clinics
6:45 – 8:30	Rehearsal

Saturday, March 9

8:30 – 12:00	Rehearsal
12:00 – 2:30	Lunch and break
3:00	Concert in Mandan High School Auditorium featuring the NDNBA JH All-State Band and Bismarck-Mandan Wind Ensemble

Fees:

Audition fee:	\$10.00 if director is NDNBA member \$15.00 if director is not NDNBA member
Registration fee:	\$40.00 if director is NDNBA member \$45.00 if director is not NDNBA member (Please note that the registration fee includes the evening meal on Friday.)

NBA Membership is available online. A link is provided on the NDNBA website for registration and payment.

Time Line:	September 7	Information packet and audition materials available to all ND junior high band directors via the NDNBA website
	November 30	Audition recordings submitted/fees postmarked by this date
	December 7	Audition recordings submitted/fees postmarked by this date with a \$50 late fee received by December 13.
	January 7	Audition results posted on the NDNBA website
	February 22	Medical Release form and Registration fees postmarked by this date
	March 8 & 9	NDNBA Junior High All-State Band Festival

For more information regarding the festival and auditions contact:

Festival

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Auditions

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Directors will be responsible for taking their students to lunch on Saturday. Your registration fee covers the Friday night pizza party, which will be served in the Mandan High School cafeteria. No meals will be served at Mandan High School on Saturday. There are numerous restaurants in Mandan to choose from that are only a short distance from Mandan High School. Directors are also responsible for housing on Friday night. All students must be accompanied by their director or chaperone. ***Each student will receive a medical release form to be completed and turned in with the registration fee prior to Friday, February 22nd.***

Audition Materials

Audition materials will consist of the:

- 1) Major scale etude (to be played without break)
- 2) Chromatic scale
- 3) Short etude

NDNBA JH All State Band is only accepting auditions by digital submission. We have detailed the process below to assist you.

You will record and document each student that you have auditioning for NDNBA JH All-State Band. When you are ready to send the recordings:

1. Create and email an Excel File (or google spreadsheet) to include a header/title with band director(s) name, contact phone #, email address, and NDNBA membership number of each director submitting recordings. If no current membership number is listed, it will be assumed that you will be paying the non-member audition fee. List each auditions with the following columns:

First Name Last Name Instrument Grade School Band Director(s)

First Name	Last Name	Instrument	Grade	School	Band Director(s)
Sally	Smith	Alto Sax	7	South Park	Joe Shmoe

2. In addition to the email, send a paper copy of the excel file along with a check payable to NDNBA to:
Sara Baumann
Mandan Middle School
2901 12th Ave NW
Mandan, ND 58554

The check must be postmarked by November 30th or you will be assessed a late fee

For the recording process:

3. Record/save auditions in an mp3 or wav format as 3 separate files. One labeled Major Scales, one Chromatic Scale, and one Etude (or Snare and Mallet for percussion). Each student will have their own folder labeled with name and instrument: Ex. Sally Smith Alto Sax
4. Create a folder for each instrument section. Label the folders with your school name and instrument section. Ex. South Park Alto Sax
5. Email instrument folders to NDNBAJHAS@gmail.com **YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE/CREATE A GMAIL ACCOUNT SO YOU WILL HAVE THE GOOGLE SUPPORTED PROGRAM.** All materials and music will be shared through google drive.
6. If the folder is too large, choose to “compress” and create a zip file.
7. If the folder is too large after compressing, you may need to create more than one folder for those instruments. (You will be able to send larger files through google.)
8. When sending multiple emails please label in the subject line the total number of emails you plan to send and which email you are on. For ex. 1 of 2, 2 of 2 so that we are sure we receive all audition folders.
9. If your school E-mail is housed by Google, and it asks if you want to send a google drive file, this is the best option.
10. You will receive a confirmation email stating your auditions were received.

Students may audition on more than one instrument (clarinet and bass clarinet, for example). However, two separate audition fees must be enclosed and the auditions must be recorded in two separate files. *No auditions will be accepted for piccolo or Eb soprano clarinet.* All auditions will be judged anonymously. No splicing or audio manipulation of any kind is acceptable. **If a judge suspects that an audition has been digitally adjusted, all recordings from that school are subject to disqualification.** The audition materials are available on the NDNBA website. Please feel free to make copies of the audition sheet for each of your students. The etudes were composed specifically for the NDNBA Junior High All-State Band Festival. **Audition recordings must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM (CST) November 30th to be considered for the festival. A \$50.00 late fee will be assessed if the recordings are not submitted and/or payment is not postmarked by December 7th. The late auditions will not be accepted after December 7th. The late fee must be postmarked by December 13th in order for the late auditions to be considered. Audition fees must be included with the paper excel file (google spreadsheet).** Please send one check per school. Please send audition fees (checks payable to NDNBA) and a copy of your excel file (or google spreadsheet) to:

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Before you submit your recordings, please check to see if you have enclosed the following items:

1. audition file for each student
2. audition fees (one check per school, payable to NDNBA)
3. excel or google spreadsheet with a current email address for each director sending recordings