August 25, 2016

Dear Colleague,

We hope that your academic year is off to a great start! Please accept this letter as an invitation for you and your students to join us for the:

**Thirty-Second Annual**  
**University of North Dakota**  
**Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival**

Please share this information with your students, and encourage them to audition. Our faculty will be touring the state for auditions October 23-29. The UND Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival is scheduled for the weekend of January 20-22, 2017. All high school music students in grades 10-12 are eligible to audition. Specific information concerning the audition process can be found in this mailing and on our website (undmusic.org).

The rehearsal and performance schedule for the Festival weekend will be similar to previous events. As in the past, we plan to include an opportunity for all visiting directors to share coffee and pastries together on Saturday morning of the Festival while the students are in rehearsal. I hope you can join us!

To reserve audition times for your students wishing to audition, please complete the registration form found online. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call our Department of Music office at (701) 777-2644.

Thank you for your continued support of the UND Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival. Our goal is that this Festival will provide outstanding music educational experiences that enhance and support your own music programs!

Sincerely,

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