

# HONOR BAND, CHOIR & STRINGS FESTIVAL



The University of North Dakota Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival provides an opportunity for talented high school musicians to perform in a select ensemble under the leadership of UND faculty. The ensembles are chosen by live audition from among the finest high school musicians in the region.

## DATE & SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The **University of North Dakota** Honor Band, Choir & Strings Festival will begin on Friday, January 24, 2025 with the first rehearsal scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Rehearsals will continue on Saturday, January 25, with dress rehearsals and the concert scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 26, in the Chester Fritz Auditorium on the **UND** campus. One of the highlights again this year will be a grand finale work performed by the combined Honor Band, Choirs and Strings. In addition, students will have the opportunity to interact with **UND** music students and faculty, as well as hear performances by **UND** Music Ensembles.

## AUDITIONS FOR THE UND HONOR BAND & CHOIRS WILL TENTATIVELY BE HELD PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

Monday, October 28	Devils Lake Middle School	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Monday, October 28	Minot Magic City High School	1:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Tuesday, October 29	Williston High School	11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29	Dickinson High School	4:30 pm - 7:00 pm MT
Wednesday, October 30	Bismarck High School	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday, October 30	Bismarck Legacy High School	1:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Thursday, October 31	Jamestown High School	8:30 am - 10:30 am
Thursday, October 31	Fargo South High School	1:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, November 1	Fargo South High School	8:00 am - 11:00 am
Friday, November 1	UND Grand Forks	2:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Saturday, November 2	UND Grand Forks	9:00 am - 12:00 pm

## AUDITIONS FOR UND HONOR STRINGS

This year, live or recorded auditions will be accepted. Recordings are due on November 2. The out-of-town auditions will be scheduled with each high school director during the dates mentioned below. Please contact Dr. Simona Barbu directly for additional information or to schedule an audition time (simona.barbu@UND.edu; 701-777-2828).

Saturday, October 26	UND Grand Forks	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday, October 27	Devils Lake High School	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Monday, October 28	Minot Magic City High School	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Monday, October 28	Williston High School	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29	All Bismarck High Schools	8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Tuesday, October 29	Jamestown High School	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 29	West Fargo Sheyenne High School	6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

## HONOR BAND AUDITIONS

**Woodwind** and **Brass** instrumentalists should play **two excerpts** from appropriate solo literature and/or etudes that will exhibit **both** lyrical playing and technical proficiency (approximately three minutes in length total for this repertoire). Students will also be asked to play a major scale of their choice **and** chromatic scale (both scales should be performed ascending and descending). Students may choose the style and tempo, as well as the number of octaves (please play as many as possible), for these scales. In addition, each woodwind and brass instrumentalist will also be asked to sight-read. Percussionists should play prepared solo literature and/or excerpts on **both** snare drum and a keyboard mallet instrument (approximately four minutes in length total for this repertoire). **Percussionists** are not required to play scales or rudiments, but will be asked to sight-read on **both** snare drum and mallets. Instrumentalists do not need an accompanist. Dr. James Popejoy will conduct the Honor Band auditions.

## HONOR CHOIR AUDITIONS

**Vocalists** should sing a prepared solo from classical vocal solo (i.e. non-choral) repertoire. Popular or country music should be avoided. Also, sight-reading will be an important part of the audition. Vocalists should provide their own accompanist. Please refrain from singing a cappella or using recorded accompaniment. Melanie Popejoy will conduct the Honor Choir auditions.

## HONOR STRINGS AUDITIONS

**String instrumentalists** should perform a two-three minute selection from appropriate literature that showcases the student's best playing ability. They will also be asked to play one major or minor scale (two or more octaves; students may choose the style and tempo). In addition, each student will also be asked to sight-read. Dr. Simona Barbu will conduct the Honor Strings auditions.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Students may audition for the Honor Band, an Honor Choir, and the Honor Strings if they so desire (\$15.00 per audition, flutists may also audition on piccolo for no additional charge). There is no participation fee for students that are selected. Please make every attempt to attend auditions at one of the sites listed. Special arrangements for students who are interested in auditioning but who cannot appear at the scheduled locations and times will be handled on an individual basis.

## REGISTRATION

Directors should register their students for auditions via the online form found on the UND Music Department website. Go to [undmusic.org](http://undmusic.org) and click on "Honor Festivals" for the registration link. The audition fee for the Festival is \$15.00 for each student per audition (flutists may also audition on piccolo at no additional charge). To facilitate scheduling, please register for auditions by October 10, 2024. Please note the columns asking for the preferred location and times for your auditions. The master audition schedule will be sent to directors on or around October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Every attempt will be made to schedule students as closely as possible to their preferred time. Payment for the auditions must be done by credit card when you register. The registration process may be completed by either directors, or by individual students. Please call UND Music at 701-777-2644 with any questions or concerns.

## FESTIVAL HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION & MEALS

Students selected for an Honor Ensemble are responsible for making their own housing and transportation arrangements. A list of area hotels is provided with the HBCS information on the UND Department of Music website. To avoid increasing audition fees to help cover expenses, we also ask students to assume the responsibility for their own meals. Please note that the University of North Dakota bears no responsibility for supervision of the students away from the University. ***There is no participation fee for students that are selected for an Honor Ensemble!***



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