

Join in a Tradition of Musical Excellence and

AUDITION!



Play in Central Michigan University's Thirty-Third Annual

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND

Interested students are asked to send a recording (cd, MP3 sound file, or video) containing material outlined on the fact sheet that they can get from their High School Band Conductor. Please be aware that the quality of the recording will play a major role in the selection and placement process. Recordings will be evaluated by CMU faculty, who will make all decisions regarding participation. Applications and recordings must be postmarked no later than October 27, 2017 for consideration.

**PERFORMANCE: NOVEMBER 12, 2017
IN CMU'S STAPLES FAMILY CONCERT HALL**



September 4, 2017

Dear Colleague:

I am most pleased to announce that Central Michigan University will host the Thirty-Third Annual Central Michigan High School Honors Band. The entire schedule of activities will take place in our state-of-the-art music building culminating in a performance in the Staples Family Concert Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 12, 2017.

In past years, the Honors Band has been extremely successful with a substantial number of students auditioning from all over the state. As a result, the rehearsals and concerts have been inspiring to all of us, as we were able to play sophisticated literature with dedicated and talented musicians.

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Please place the enclosed Honors Band poster in a prominent place. We ask that you provide the enclosed Application and Fact Sheet to your interested students. Feel free to make copies of any of the materials.

Please note the postmark deadline of October 27, 2017, for the Application and Recording.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Williamson".

John E. Williamson
Director of Bands
Professor of Music

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**Central Michigan University
2017 High School Honors Band
Fact Sheet**

- Conductor:** John E. Williamson, Director of Bands, CMU
- Rehearsal Dates:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12, 2017 – Noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Concert:** Sunday, November 12, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.
School of Music, Central Michigan University
- Who May Participate:** Woodwind, Brass and Percussion students in grades 9-12 this year
- Auditions:** Students will provide a recording of the audition material listed below. Recording options are as follows:
1. CD – Mail CD **and** Application to:
Central Michigan University, School of Music, Music 162, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859
 2. MP3 sound file – Send to honorsband@cmich.edu **and** apply online at www.music.cmich.edu
 3. Video, You Tube or other sites – Send to honorsband@cmich.edu **and** apply online at www.music.cmich.edu
- Note: Application and Recording postmark deadline: October 27, 2017**
- Audition Material:** The audition recording should include a solo, an etude, an excerpt, or any combination of these. Scales should include the following: F, Bb, Eb, C, G Major; d, g, a minor or as many of these as possible.
- Flutists, who wish to be considered for piccolo, should include that instrument on this recording in addition to the flute.
- Percussionists should include the following: A solo or an etude on snare drum; a solo or etude on a mallet instrument; and a solo or an etude on timpani
- Solos for this year's solo and ensemble festival are acceptable on every instrument.
- Applications:** Interested students may obtain an application from their school Band Director, or they may apply online at the CMU School of Music website, www.music.cmich.edu.

Note: Audition results will be sent no later than Friday, November 3, 2017

Questions? Contact John Williamson at (989) 774-3281 or e-mail willi2je@cmich.edu.

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Central Michigan University 2017 High School Honors Band Application

(please print)

Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Home Phone: () _____ E-Mail _____

Year in School: Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Band Director's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

School Phone: () _____

School FAX: () _____

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