

TRI-STATE BAND FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 30th - DECEMBER 3rd

PURPOSE

The Tri-State Band Festival, hosted by Florida State University, recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding high school musicians from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. This event offers an intensive four-day musical experience with rehearsals, masterclasses, and concerts led by world-class clinicians, culminating in a finale performances.

As part of the festival, the Director's Conference and Conducting Clinic offers professional development courses, and sessions for band directors, affording them the opportunity to continue their education under the instruction of esteemed FSU faculty members.

HISTORY

In 1971 the Tri-State Festival began exclusively as an honorary jazz band. In 1980, under the direction of Dr. James Croft, a concert ensemble was added to the festival, resembling what we know today as the Tri-State Band Festival. Since then, FSU has hosted the event forty-one times and expanded it to include four concert bands and a honors jazz band, providing thousands of students the opportunity to learn and grow as musicians.

SCHEDULE

Nov 30: Check-In & FSU Jazz Orchestra Concert
Dec 1: Rehearsals, Director's Conference, & PRISM Concert
Dec 2: Rehearsals, Director's Conference, & Finale Jazz Band Performance
Dec 3: Finale Concert Bands Performances

PARTICIPATION COSTS

\$395- Overnight Students
\$295- Local Students

Participation cost covers lodging, all meals during the Tri-State timeline, transportation to and from rehearsals and concerts, instructional expenses including masterclass, rehearsals, a performance, and a t-shirt. Local student costs include all amenities except for the cost of lodging. Students selected for the Tri-State Festival must provide their own transportation to and from Tallahassee.

DEADLINES

Sept 29: Online Nominations Close
Sept 29: Honors Jazz Auditions Due
Oct 25: Conducting Clinic Applications Due



DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

The Directors' Conference provides high school directors with a continuing education opportunity through sessions presented by our esteemed FSU faculty complete with a conducting clinic. Registered directors receive one complimentary ticket to Friday night's Prism concert and a certificate of completion for professional development credit.

One registration per director; associate/assistant directors employed by a school district with a school district email may also register for the conference. Only school email addresses will be recognized due to professional development procedures. Directors will receive an email directing them to reserve their one complimentary Prism ticket by November 9th, along with a schedule of events for the conference.

Conference schedule will be available in November.

CONDUCTING CLINIC

Applications Due: **October 25th, 2023**

The Conducting Clinic is a component of the Directors Conference led by Dr. Rodney Dorsey. To be considered for participation, send the following criteria to cm-tristatefestival@fsu.edu.

- 2-minute or less conducting demonstration video (optional but highly encouraged)
 - Submit as an unlisted YouTube file.
- Conducting Bio (<500 words)
 - Include your current school
 - How long you have been teaching
 - Your conducting educational background (including institutions)

Selected applicants will be contacted with more information in November.

PERFORMANCES

FSU Jazz Orchestra,
11/30/23 at 6:00 PM, Opperman Music Hall

PRISM
12/1/23 at 7:30 PM, Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Honors Jazz Ensemble Finale Concert
12/2/23 at 7:30 PM, Opperman Music Hall

Concert Bands Finale Concert
12/3/23 at 10:00 AM, Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

Free admission to all concerts with their Tri-State name tag. Finale concert tickets are good for both the Saturday night concert and the Sunday morning concerts.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information and updates, please visit our website!

<https://music.fsu.edu/tri-state>

For questions regarding the festival please contact:

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Andy Dubbert, Tri-State Administrator
Jackie Tabone, Asst. Tri-State Administrator

We look forward to seeing you and your students
at this year's Tri-State Band Festival!



STUDENT NOMINATION PROCESS



Nomination Form Available Online:
<https://music.fsu.edu/tri-state>

Nomination Deadline: September 29, 2023

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in 11th or 12th grade to participate.
- A separate nomination form must be completed for each student.
- Each nomination must include director name, school, and school email address. Personal email addresses not accepted.
- You will receive a confirmation email for each nomination. Please review the information for any potential errors.
- To update a nomination, contact Andy Dubbert, *Tri-State Administrator* at CM-TriStateFestival@fsu.edu.

HONORS JAZZ ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS

In addition to completing the nomination form, those students interested in the Honors Jazz Ensemble must submit a video audition by September 29, 2023. Audition videos should be submitted as an unlisted YouTube video to CM-Tristatefestival@fsu.edu.

For audition music and information about the video submission process, please visit the Tri-State website listed above.

Students interested in the Honors Jazz Ensemble may also be nominated for the concert band festival. However, if selected, these students must perform with the jazz ensemble in order to allow another concert band member the opportunity to attend the Tri-State Festival. Visit the Tri-State Festival website for audition requirements and other pertinent information.



2023 Tri-State Conductors

(Biographies are available on the Tri-State Website.)



DR. GABRIEL ARNOLD
Director of University Bands
Savannah State University



DR. DAVID THORNTON
Assistant Professor of Music
Associate Director of Bands
Michigan State University



DR. DAVID DETWEILER
Assistant Professor of Jazz Saxophone
Florida State University



DR. RYAN KELLY
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs
Associate Professor of Music in Bands
Jacobs School of Music,
Indiana University, Bloomington



DR. SHANTI SIMON
Director of Bands
University of Oklahoma

