Winter Fest
November 16-18, 2017
Armstrong State University

Schedule

Thursday, November 16
5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Arrive in Savannah
Register at Armstrong Fine Arts Lobby
7 - 9 p.m. Rehearsal #1

Friday, November 17
8:45 a.m. Arrive on campus
9 - Noon Rehearsal #2
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 3:15 p.m. Rehearsal #3
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. ASU Wind Ensemble Performance

Saturday, November 18
9:45 a.m Report back to Armstrong
10 a.m. - Noon Rehearsal #4
Noon - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Rehearsal #5
3:30 - 5 p.m. Dinner
5 p.m. Report back to Armstrong
6 p.m. Concert at Armstrong Auditorium (school band/orchestra concert uniform)

About Our Conductors

Thomas L. Dvorak is professor emeritus and director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where he served as professor and director of bands from 1979 to 2007. He is currently music director and conductor of the Summer Wind Ensemble and MYSOs Wind Ensemble.

Dvorak has appeared as a conductor/guest lecturer in 29 states as well as Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. He has received the Citation of Excellence award by the National Band Association and various honors by the prestigious American School Band Directors Association.

Dvorak has held offices as president and vice president in the College Band Directors National Association and the National Band Association. At UW-Milwaukee, a scholarship for music students bears his name, and each year a deserving freshman is awarded with this prestigious scholarship.

William Kilgore is the director of bands at West Jackson Middle School in Jackson County. Mr. Kilgore received his Bachelor of Music Education and Master of Educational Leadership degrees from the University of Georgia. Mr. Kilgore earned his Specialist degree from Piedmont College. Mr. Kilgore has earned several awards and honors throughout his college and professional career including “Teacher of the Year” at North Hall Middle School and West Jackson Middle School. Mr. Kilgore has been featured as “One of the Fifty Music Educators who make a Difference” in the School Band and Orchestra Magazine. He was awarded two Citations of Excellence by the National Band Association. His professional affiliations include the Music Educators National Conference, the Georgia Music Educators Association, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Beta Bands under his direction have performed at the GMEA Conference, UGA Midfest, SEUS Honor Band Clinic and many other venues and events throughout the Southeast. Mr. Kilgore has served on the staff of Encore! Band Camps for more than fifteen years and is a co-owner of Encore!
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Dear Colleagues:

The faculty and staff of the Armstrong State University Department of Art, Music & Theatre is excited to invite you and your most outstanding students to participate in the Annual Winterfest Invitational Honor Band Festival on November 16-18, 2017. Our Middle School Honor Band is open to your most outstanding musicians in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. And as always our High School Honor Band is a rewarding experience open to all advanced musicians in grades 9-12.

Directors, you are asked to encourage your top students to audition. All nominations and audition recordings must be received by October 31. The recordings are used to determine acceptance and seating placements. Directors will be notified of students who are selected asap. A $45 acceptance fee is required for participating students, due at registration. All students should be accompanied by their director or by a designated parent chaperone. Hotel arrangements are the responsibility of the director and/or chaperones (local hotel information can be found in this brochure).

We look forward to receiving your nominations and students’ audition recordings. We’ll see you in beautiful, historic Savannah in November!

Warm regards,

Mark Johnson, director of bands at Armstrong and director of Winterfest

Application Process

To apply, students must submit an application and a CD or digital recording with the specified performance items. Only one performer per recording. Please label all record’s with your name, instrument, grade and school. All auditioning performers shall play major scales and etudes as listed on the Georgia Music Educators Association website:

www.gMEA.org
Scroll over “Band,” click “All-State Band,” and find “All-State Band Requirements”

High School Audition Requirements:
*Before you begin playing please state your name, instrument, grade, and school; then perform the following in order.
1) Chromatic scale (range listed on the GMEA website)
2) G and Ab major scale (as written on the GMEA website).
3) Lyrical etude as listed on the website for your grade and instrument. *Percussionists should play excerpts of the etudes for snare, xylophone, and timpani (in that order) for preferential seating; however, percussionists who only play one instrument should not be discouraged from sending in an application.

Middle School Audition Requirements:
*Before you begin playing please state your name, instrument, grade, and school; then perform the following in order.
1) Chromatic scale (range listed on the GMEA website)
2) F and Eb major scale (as written on the GMEA website).
3) Lyrical etude as listed on the website for your grade and instrument. *Percussionists may select one etude for snare, xylophone, or timpani for preferential seating; The remainder of the percussion audition should be rudiments.

*Special Note to ALL auditioning students: Piccolo and clarinet players who play soprano, alto, bass, contra, or contrabass are encouraged to include themselves playing the appropriate etude for that instrument as well (indicate your willingness to perform these instruments on the application. Saxophonists and English horn players should do the same.

Application and CD deadline is October 31, 2017

Local Hotel Info

All of these feature typical features expected at a standard hotel. They are all located at the Highway 204 exit of I-95 and are about a 10 minute drive to Armstrong State University.

Best Western Inn
1 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-2420

Clarion Inn & Suites
16 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 920-3200

Spring Hill Suites
4 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 629-7777

Days Inn
6 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-6666

Holiday Inn Savannah
11 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-2525

La Quinta Inn
6 Gateway Blvd E, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-9505

Econo Lodge
3 Gateway Blvd S, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 925-2770

Scottish Inn
3 Gateway Blvd S, Savannah, GA 31419
(912) 920-1900

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