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Welcome, and thanks for taking some time to look over the first email newsletter of the New Hampshire Band Directors Association. NHBDA was founded in 1994 and has been a powerful and beneficial resource for band directors in the state and the region since that time. NHBDA exists for the sole purpose of providing opportunities for musical growth to band directors and band students from across New Hampshire and the surrounding area.

Below we hope that you find information about activities of the NHBDA which will be of interest or help to you in your position as a band director. If you should read about an event for which you would like more information, visit our website at www.nhbda.org or contact a member of the Executive Board (listing at the end of this newsletter, and on our website.)

NHBDA Middle Level Honor Band

Friday, March 20, 2009

Central High School, Manchester, NH

Festival: All Day. Concert: 7:00 pm.

Andrew Boysen conducting the Honor Band, XXXX conducting the Honor Flute Choir

Middle Level Honor Band Festival has taken place every year since 2004 on a Friday in late March or early April. The year 2009 will mark the 5th-Year Anniversary for the festival. This will be the second year that an Honor Flute Choir will also be part of the festival. We continue to explore ways to extend this musical experience to a wider population of NH middle school band students. If you haven't taken advantage of this opportunity for your own middle school band students, please consider coming to the concert to hear some of the finest middle school musicians in the state gathered together for a quality music-making experience. Do you also have students that deserve to be a part of this great experience? Check out the NHBDA website in the Spring for next year's audition information. Information also appears each Fall in the September issue of NHMEA's Quarter Notes. Finally, don't hesitate to contact an NHBDA board member, who will be happy to help you get started.

NHBDA-Sponsored Workshop at NH All-State with Trumpeter Eric Berlin

World-class trumpet soloist, teacher, and orchestral player Eric Berlin will be the NHBDA clinician at this year's NHMEA All-State Conference. Be sure to check out what this amazing musician has to offer about teaching and playing trumpet!

Bill Gibson Memorial Commission

NHBDA is underwriting a musical composition to be written in memory of Bill Gibson, former band director at Kingswood Regional High School in Wolfeboro. With the assistance of Ernie Mills (Kearsarge Regional High School) and Bill's wife, Jill Daley-Gibson (Academic Coordinator Music & Art Kingswood), a commission was put in place for a composition to be written by Ed Hucceby, one of Bill's favorite composers of music for school bands. Additional funds for the project have been committed by NHMEA and private donors. The work is scheduled to be completed at the end of March and premiered in the late spring.

Outstanding Band Director and Outstanding Young Band Director Awards Call for Nominations!

Every year, NHBDA honors outstanding members of our profession at our annual flagship event, the New England Band Directors Institute (more on NEBDI below). Any band director, teacher, principal or school administrator is free to nominate a band director that they know who they feel is deserving of this honor. The Outstanding Young Band Directors Award is intended specifically to recognize individuals who have been working as band directors for seven years or less.

Letters of Nomination may be sent at any time to your district representative or any other member of the Executive Board (listing below.)

All-State Chamber Music Festival 2009

On Saturday, January 10th, 127 students from 43 New Hampshire high schools gathered at the Timberlane Performing Arts Center, Plaistow, NH and took part in the 12th annual New Hampshire Band Directors and the New Hampshire Music Educators All State Chamber Music Festival. The students were selected from over 1200 auditionees that auditioned for not only the Chamber Music Festival but the All State Band, Orchestra and Choruses. The selected Chamber students performed in 11 different music ensembles: flute choir, woodwind quintet, brass quintet, woodwind choir, brass choir, saxophone quartet, jazz combo, percussion ensemble, male vocal ensemble, female vocal ensemble, and string ensemble. Some of New England's finest musicians and teachers worked as ensemble coaches for the day. This year's clinicians were, Terri D'Errico, Professional Flutist, Flute Choir; Beth Wiemann, University of Maine Orono,

Woodwind Quintet; Eric Berlin, University of Massachusetts, Brass Quintet; David Seiler, University of New Hampshire, Woodwind Choir; George Parks, University of Massachusetts, Brass Choir; Kenneth Radnofsky, New England Conservatory of Music, Saxophone Quartet; Chris Oberholtzer, University of Southern Maine, Gorham, Jazz Combo; Christopher Swist, Keene State College, Percussion Ensemble; David Ripley, University of New Hampshire, Male Vocal ensemble; Mallorie Chernin, Amherst College, Female Vocal ensemble and Christopher Hill, University of New Hampshire, String Ensemble. The one day festival was an excellent opportunity for some of the state's best instrumental and vocal musicians to work together with coaches who are specialists in their fields.

The day included a concert/lecture by the Back Bay Guitar Trio. The professional trio performed numerous selections and described life as a performing chamber musician. The selection of literature, description of the transcription process employed as well as other topics were discussed with the students and directors present. The day ended with a wonderful concert presented by the 11 different chamber musical ensembles.

The date of next year's NHBDA/NHMEA Chamber Music Festival will be Saturday, January 9, 2010.

Commission Assistance Program

The NHBDA Commission Grant Matching program is designed to assist ensembles in supporting the creation of works that connect students to their communities through music. The grant supports matching a dollar amount provided by the organization applying. The Executive Board will accept applications by September 1st and May 1st of each year. Any NH elementary, middle school, or high school instrumental ensemble may apply. If interested, contact Recording Secretary Heidi Welch at hjwelch@hdsd.k12.nh.us

New England Band Directors Institute

Check out the other attachment with this email, a brochure with information regarding the 2009 New England Band Directors Institute. As always, a line-up of outstanding clinicians and the promise of good times shared with other band directors make NEBDI 2009 potentially the best NEBDI ever!

On the next and final page, for your convenience, please find a listing of the members of the Executive Board.

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