



STUDENT PACKET

Dear Tri-State Student,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the 31st annual Florida State University Tri-State Band Festival! Your selection to this festival was determined in large part based on a superb recommendation written by your band director on your behalf. Scores of band directors wrote hundreds of magnificent recommendations for their finest students—but only 1 student in 3 were chosen for Tri-State. You are among the high school musical elite in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. I hope you will accept this honor and join us in Tallahassee in December for this electrifying and possibly life-changing musical experience. We look forward to your visit to FSU and our beautiful Tallahassee campus.

This packet contains important information regarding your membership in Tri-State. Please print and read this entire packet carefully, then share its contents with your parents. If you have questions after reading this packet, talk to your band director. If your band director has questions after talking to you, your band director will call me.

Together, we will answer all your Tri-State questions!

Keep reading to learn more about:

- Your Tri-State registration
- The official FSU Tri-State website
- The Holiday Inn Hotel
- Your chair placement audition
- Parking & Transportation
- On-site registration
- Meals
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- Concert information
- Festival T-shirts and Concert CD's
- Behavior expectations
- SAT, ACT, and other possible conflicts, and
- A possible packing list

Congratulations, and I look forward to meeting you in December!

Regards,

Jeffrey L. Miller

2011 Tri-State Band Festival Administrator

YOUR REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE

You should immediately visit the Tri-State website (<http://www.music.fsu.edu/Tri-State-Band-Festival>), and locate the STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM. The Student Registration Form is available in PDF format, and should be printed and completed (please write legibly). **Unreadable registration forms will be rejected.** Return your completed form ASAP, via U. S. mail. Your band director may want to return all the registration forms and participation fees from your school together in one envelope. Please ask your director. **Your completed STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM must be received by the Tri-State office at FSU by Monday, October 31st.** The Festival can make no accommodation for forms delayed by the postal service. **On Tuesday, November 1st, alternates will be chosen to replace students who have not yet registered.** Do not risk losing your spot at Tri-State. Return your registration materials today! Carefully review your form for

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completeness and accuracy before returning it; leave no questions blank. The Festival participation fee of \$199 (\$149 for local area students not needing hotel accommodations) must accompany your registration form.

THE OFFICIAL FSU TRI-STATE WEBSITE

The official FSU Tri-State website is located at <http://www.music.fsu.edu/Tri-State-Band-Festival>. Please begin checking the website on Monday, November 7th to ensure your registration has been received and processed. Continue to check the website periodically as the Festival nears.

THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL

You will reside for three nights at the beautiful Holiday Inn Capitol East Hotel beginning Thursday, December 1st. You must, unless you are a local Tallahassee resident, stay at the Festival hotel and in the room assigned to you—not with relatives or friends. You will share a room (quad occupancy) with three other students from your school or a nearby school. The hotel address is 1355 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301. Tel: (850)-877-3171. **Roommate requests are not considered.**

TRANSPORTATION

If you need transportation to, or from, the Tallahassee airport or bus station, please contact the FSU band office at (850) 644-3507 ASAP with your travel itinerary. Beginning Thursday evening, you will be transported by charter bus between the Holiday Inn and the College of Music for all rehearsals and concerts and the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center for the finale banquet. You must use Festival transportation. For safety and due to lack of available parking on the FSU campus, students driving themselves to the Festival must surrender their car keys and use Festival transportation during the Festival.

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PARKING

Visitor parking is almost impossible to find on the FSU campus. If you park anywhere on campus without a valid FSU student sticker, you will be ticketed or towed. Parking Services continually monitors all campus parking lots, and tows unauthorized vehicles.

CHAIR PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

By your selection to the Festival, you are guaranteed placement in one of the four Tri-State honor bands. Upon your arrival at the College of Music, you will be asked to perform on your instrument a brief placement audition to determine your band assignment and chair position. The four Tri-State honor bands are considered equivalent and are populated accordingly. Please prepare a **60 second excerpt from an All-State quality solo or etude of your choosing, and a few major scales covering an appropriate range of octaves (learn all 12 just in case)**. You will be asked to sight read. You are expected to audition at the College of Music within one hour of your registration at the hotel.

- Flutists who are interested in playing piccolo (1 per band) should prepare a 30 second excerpt in addition to your flute audition
- Oboists who are interested in playing English horn (1 per band) should prepare a 30 second excerpt in addition to your oboe audition
- Alto clarinetists should also bring a Bb clarinet
- EEb Contra-alto clarinetists and Bb Contrabass clarinetists should also bring a Bb bass clarinet

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

When you arrive in Tallahassee, do not go directly to the FSU College of Music. On-site Festival registration occurs at the Holiday Inn on Apalachee Parkway. **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ.** Registration times are staggered to alleviate long registration lines at the

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hotel. Adhere to the following schedule for your individual registration time. **Local students not residing at the Holiday Inn Capitol East Hotel need not go to the hotel; you will register at the College of Music.** Be sure to arrive at the College of Music during your **chair placement audition window** only.

Your registration time is determined by the number of miles you will travel to Tallahassee. First, determine the distance in miles from your home to Tallahassee. One easy way to determine this is to use MapQuest or Google-Maps. Second, check below for your hotel registration time, and chair placement audition time based on that mileage. **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ.** Do not arrive at the hotel outside of your designated registration window. You will not be permitted to register early. **Hotel registration will end promptly at 3:00pm.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You are expected to audition at the College of Music within one hour after registering at the hotel.

If you live in upper Florida, lower Georgia, or lower Alabama (*within 175 miles*)

- Arrive and register at the Holiday Inn Capitol East hotel between 12:00pm and 1:00pm.
- Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.

If you live in middle Florida, middle Georgia, or middle Alabama (*175 - 325 miles*)

- Arrive and register at the Holiday Inn Capitol East hotel between 1:00pm and 2:00pm.
- Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.

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If you live in lower Florida, upper Georgia, or upper Alabama (*over 325 miles*)

- Arrive and register at the Holiday Inn Capitol East hotel between 2:00pm and 3:00pm.
- Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 3:00pm and 4:00pm.

MEALS

You will be provided a full hot buffet breakfast at the hotel each morning. We will host a pizza party at the hotel after rehearsal on Saturday evening. You'll attend a buffet luncheon and banquet held in your honor on Sunday. All other meals are on your own. Subway, Gumby's Pizza, Pitaria, and The Tomahawk Grill are located on the south side of Tennessee Street—a safe walking distance from the College of Music. Other eateries are available at the Union, and at various locations on campus.

MASTER CLASSES

On Saturday, you will participate in a master class conducted by Florida State University applied music faculty. Percussionists may have an opportunity to perform a solo during their master class.

CONCERT INFORMATION

You will be treated to a spectacular Friday night PRISM concert—a 90-minute surround-sound band extravaganza performed by FSU College of Music students and ensembles! Unfortunately, family tickets to PRISM are already sold out. Family tickets to your Festival Finale Concert may be purchased at the College of Music on Thursday afternoon, and at the Ruby Diamond Auditorium on Sunday before the concert. Festival Finale Concert Tickets are \$4 in advance, or \$5 at the door.

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FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS AND FINALE CONCERT CDs

You will receive your Tri-State Festival t-shirt when you register at the hotel, and a CD of the Tri-State Festival Finale Concert will be mailed to you in January or February.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that you, as an ambassador of your family and school, will represent yourself and your school in an appropriate and professional manner at all times. You will be required to attend all rehearsals, concerts, master classes, and other scheduled activities; sleep in the hotel room assigned to you; use Festival transportation as provided; and cooperate with supervisory requests made by Festival chaperones and University personnel. Failure to do so could result in your dismissal from the Festival.

SAT, ACT, AND OTHER CONFLICTS

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011 is generally an SAT test date, but not an ACT test date; please check and plan accordingly.

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A POSSIBLE PACKING LIST

- ___ **A folding music stand.** The FSU College of Music does not provide music stands for Tri-State.

- ___ **Comfortable, appropriate clothes** for rehearsals and other activities. No mini-skirts, spaghetti straps, etc. If it's not allowed at your school, it's not allowed here.

- ___ **A jacket or sweater.** It can get cold in Tallahassee in December. Rehearsal rooms also get cold.

- ___ **Your instrument.** Also, a piccolo or English horn if applicable to you.

- ___ **Instrument accessories.** A pencil, mutes, reeds, valve oil, cork grease, mallets, drum sticks, and drum keys.

- ___ **Concert attire. Men:** a very dark suit or tuxedo, black socks, and black shoes.
Women: a long black dress, skirt or slacks, a black blouse, and black shoes.
Sleeveless tops are not acceptable concert attire, nor are tennis shoes, boots, white socks, or excessive jewelry or perfume.

- ___ **Meal money.** You will be provided a hot buffet breakfast each morning at the Holiday Inn. A pizza party on Saturday evening and on Sunday, you will attend the buffet honors luncheon.. All other meals are on your own. There are several fast food restaurants within safe walking distance of the College of Music.

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___ **Toiletries.** Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, antiperspirant, hair supplies, comb, brush, make-up, etc.

___ **Prescription medication.** If you are taking prescription medication, be sure to tell a chaperone when you arrive at the hotel.

DO NOT BRING

X Alcohol or tobacco products. We exercise zero tolerance. If you are found with these in your possession, you will be dismissed immediately from the Festival and sent home.

X Illegal drugs. We exercise zero tolerance. If you are found with these in your possession, you will be referred immediately to the police.

X Weapons. We exercise zero tolerance. If you are found with these in your possession, you will be referred immediately to the police.

X Valuables, jewelry, or other unnecessary possessions. The University shall be held harmless from liability for personal items that are lost or stolen.

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