Release Form

I give permission for ___________________________ [“Participant”] to participate in the 2015 Florida State University Tri-State Band Festival. I understand that the Florida State University, the College of Music, and the Department of Bands [“FSU”] will house (quad occupancy) and chaperone my child from Thursday, December 3 through Sunday, December 6, 2015. I understand that participants must, unless a local Tallahassee area resident, stay in the Festival hotel and in the room assigned. I understand that my child may be sent home for violating rules and regulations regarding appropriate behavior. Festival rules prohibit intoxicants, drugs, and smoking for the entire duration of the Festival. Attendance is required at all Festival rehearsals and activities. I have cleared all Participant’s personal and academic conflicts.

Participant is not permitted to drive during the Festival. Transportation will not be provided until after the first rehearsal and the Participant is expected to arrange transportation from the hotel to the College of Music for their audition and first rehearsal with their parents, guardians, or band director. Participant is responsible for personal items (including instruments) at all times. The University is not liable for shall be held harmless from liability for personal items that are lost or stolen.

I understand and agree that FSU does not have medical personnel available at the location of the Festival or on the campus. I understand and agree FSU is granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, and that such action by FSU shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I understand and agree that FSU assume no responsibility for any injury or damage that might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment.

I further understand that FSU does not have medical or liability insurance to cover Participant in the event of injury, accident, property losses, or other such occurrence in connection with this Festival. I further state that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict the Participant’s participation in this activity, and that Participant has adequate health insurance necessary or I will be responsible to pay any medical costs that may be attendant as a result of injury to the Participant.

I further do hereby consent and agree that the Festival and FSU have the right to utilize photographs or video or audio of Child (and/or property) taken during the Festival and to use these for educational or promotional materials, including FSU and Festival websites. I further consent that Child’s name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I do hereby release to FSU all rights to exhibit this work publicly or privately, including posting it on the FSU and Camp website. I waive any rights, claims or interests I may have to control the use of Child’s identity or likeness in the photographs, video, or audio, and agree that any uses described herein may be made without compensation or additional consideration.

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I represent that I have read and understand the foregoing statement as the parent or guardian of the Participant and have authority to sign this Agreement for the Participant.

By signing below, I agree to the above conditions and grant permission for my child to participate in the 2015 FSU Tri-State Band Festival.

In case of emergency, please notify:

Name: _______________________________ Phone: ( ) __________________________

Family Physician: _____________________ Phone: ( ) __________________________

Relevant Medical Conditions of which we should be aware: ____________________________________________________________
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STUDENT’S NAME _______________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature: _______________________________ Date: ______________

Amount Enclosed (check only one): Please make checks or money orders payable to FSU BANDS

___$209

___$159 (only Tallahassee-area residents not requiring hotel accommodations)

MAILING ADDRESS
Tri-State Band Festival
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Dear Tri-State Student,

**Congratulations!** You have been selected to participate in the 35th 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 in 3 students were chosen for Tri-State. You are among the high school musical elite in the Tri-State Region. 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 DoubleTree Hotel
- Your chair placement audition
- Transportation
- Parking
- On-site registration
- Meals
- Master classes
- Concert information
- Festival T-shirts and Concert CD’s
- Behavior expectations
- A possible packing list

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

Regards,

Kenna Veronee
2015 Tri-State Band Festival Administrator

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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 an online form and should be completed ASAP. Once you have completed the online registration form, print, read, and sign the Release Form located in this packet. Return your completed release 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 and RELEASE FORM must be received by the Tri-State office at FSU by Thursday, November 5th. The Festival can make no accommodation for forms delayed by the postal service. On Thursday, November 5th, 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 completeness and accuracy before returning it; leave no questions blank. The Festival participation fee of $209 ($159 for local area students not needing hotel accommodations) must accompany your registration form for it to be considered complete.

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 Friday, November 6th to ensure your registration has been received and processed. Periodically, continue to check the website for announcements as the Festival nears. A complete itinerary of the weekend will be available on the website soon.

THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL
You will reside for three nights at the beautiful DoubleTree Hotel beginning Thursday, December 3rd. 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: 101 S Adams St, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Tel: (850) 224-5000. 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. TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FROM THE HOTEL TO THE COLLEGE OF MUSIC FOR AUDITIONS. Participants are expected to arrange transportation from check-in at the hotel to the College of Music with their parents, guardians, or band directors. Beginning Thursday evening, AFTER REHEARSAL you will be transported by charter bus between the DoubleTree Hotel and the College of Music for all rehearsals and concerts. 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.

**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. The same goes for any non-FSU parking lot near the College of Music. Tow companies routinely patrol these lots and **WILL TOW YOUR VEHICLE.** FSU 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 concert 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 concert 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.
- Eb 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 DoubleTree Hotel. **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ.** Registration times are staggered to alleviate long registration lines at the hotel. Adhere to the following schedule for your individual registration time. **Local students not residing at the DoubleTree do 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 DoubleTree Hotel between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.
• Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.

If you live in middle Florida, middle Georgia, or middle Alabama (175 - 325 miles)
• Arrive and register at the DoubleTree Hotel between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.
• Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

If you live in lower Florida, upper Georgia, or upper Alabama (over 325 miles)
• Arrive and register at the DoubleTree Hotel between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
• Play your chair placement audition at the College of Music between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

• REMEMBER! You will need to plan for transportation from the hotel to the College of Music after registration. After your first rehearsal, charter busses will provide transportation to and from the College of Music.

MEALS
You will be provided a full hot buffet breakfast at the hotel each morning. You’ll attend a buffet luncheon and banquet held in your honor on Saturday afternoon, and we will host a pizza party at the hotel after rehearsal on Saturday evening. All other meals are on your own. Subway, Gumby’s Pizza, Pitaria, and Tropical Smoothie 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 an FSU Jazz Ensemble concert Thursday afternoon, and a spectacular Friday night PRISM concert—a 90-minute surround-sound wind and percussion 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 Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on Sunday before the concert. Festival Finale Concert Tickets are $4 in advance, or $5 at the door.

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 early in 2015.

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.

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____ 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 Four Points. You will attend the buffet honors luncheon on Saturday afternoon and a pizza party on Saturday evening. All other meals are on your own. There are several fast food restaurants within safe walking distance of the College of Music.

____ 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.