



46TH ANNUAL WVU HONOR BANDS CLINIC FEATURED PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE APPLICATION

The 46th annual WVU Honor Bands Clinic will once again feature a performance by an outstanding high school band, selected by blind audition, in the Lyell B. Clay Concert Theatre at 7:30 PM on the evening of Friday, February 12, 2027. It is our pleasure to provide this public performance opportunity in front of a large appreciative audience, and we hope you will consider applying.

Details

- The selected guest ensemble will perform a program of up to 30 minutes of music, for a total stage time of 40 minutes.
- The WVU Wind Symphony will perform on the same concert approximately 10 minutes after the guest ensemble. The guest ensemble will be asked to remain in attendance in the audience for this portion of the concert.
- The concert will be attended by all students and directors participating in the WVU Honor Bands Clinic as well as community members and other attendees from the area/region.
- The concert will be livestreamed by the WVU College of Creative Arts and Media staff.
- Audio and video recordings will be available for the guest ensemble as well as the possibility for a professional photograph on stage.

Eligibility

- Any high school concert band in the region is eligible to apply
- By submitting an application, the applicant acknowledges their intent to accept the invitation to perform if offered.

Application Procedures

Ensembles interested in applying should submit the following materials via email to scott.tobias@mail.wvu.edu by June 15, 2026.

- A letter of application stating the band's interest in performing and detailing recent accomplishments of the band program and conductor. The letter should include the complete list of repertoire on the submitted recordings (including performance date and location) and contact information for the director.
- MP3 files of live concert band recordings from 2025-2026 and/or 2024-2025 academic year. These files may be shared directly through email or via a file sharing site such as Dropbox. Musical selections must be limited to a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 20 minutes in total duration. Recordings must be unedited and have no identifying features such as emcee announcements, etc.
- Performance applications will be evaluated by an independent panel of qualified conductors and educators. Dr. Tobias will obviously know the identity of each applicant, but that information will not be shared with the evaluators. Applicants will be notified of the results before the end of July 2026.