

**M.S.B.O.A. District VIII**  
**Michigan Youth Arts Festival**  
Monday, September 22, 2008

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Through a system of festivals beginning regionally and progressing to the state level, the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association identifies high school students who are highly proficient instrumentalists for participation in MYAF.

MYAF's Honors Band, Honors Orchestra and Honors Jazz Ensemble are directed by nationally-known guest conductors and selected Teachers of the Year. Outstanding woodwind, brass, and percussion chamber ensembles, along with a jazz combo, are also chosen to perform. MSBOA also identifies soloists who audition for the opportunity to perform as soloist with the MYAF guest orchestra.

MSBOA believes that MYAF promotes cooperation among the many fine arts organizations of the state, stimulating additional student interest in the arts while showing the high level of student accomplishment to the citizens of Michigan.

- The MYAF will be Thursday, May 7 - Saturday, May 9 at Western Michigan University.
- Thursday A.M.: Dalton Center (WMU music building) for student check-in.
- All the events/rehearsals take place either at the Dalton Center, or Miller Auditorium.
- The festival concludes on Saturday with the Honors Groups (Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz Band) Concert at Miller.
- As you know, students qualify for participation in the honors groups through **State Solo and Ensemble Festival ratings and adjudicator recommendations**.
- Students nominated for Youth Arts Soloists audition on April 17<sup>th</sup> at CMU for 5 soloist positions.
- The MYAF website is [www.myaf.org](http://www.myaf.org). It has a general overview of the festival history and components. The MSBOA Yearbook has more detailed information about our involvement in MYAF.
- The names of the conductors and other pertinent information will follow at our next meeting.

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Thanks,  
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