

Youth Arts Festival Report

Winter 2008

The 2008 Michigan Youth Arts Festival will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 8, 9, and 10 on the campus of Western Michigan University. Performances of the Honors Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz Band will be in Miller Auditorium.

Directors are reminded that any students participating in the MSBOA portion of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival will be expected to commit to the entire festival and will not be allowed to leave the festival to attend or participate in concerts, banquets, musicals or other activities. Students with events scheduled for May 8, 9, & 10 are not to register to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

All members of an ensemble auditioning for inclusion in the Collage Concert must be from 1 school. Directors will be asked to verify this information. An ensemble with students from more than one school cannot qualify for the MYAF collage

Conductors are:

- Band – Scott Boerma, University of Michigan
- Orchestra – James Tapia, Syracuse University
- Jazz Band - Chris Collins, Wayne State University

Directors and students are reminded to check the website on the **Tuesday (March 17, 2008)** after State Solo and Ensemble Festival for the list of the names of selected students for participation in the MYAF/MSBOA Honors Orchestra and MYAF/MSBOA Honors Band. The list of nominated soloists will also be posted. Auditions for MYAF Soloists will be held on the campus of Central Michigan University on Friday, April 11, 2008.

All forms are online. Turnaround time is very short and you must download the forms and complete the process immediately – There is no mailing.

The 2008 Festival Participant fee is \$225, which includes room and board.

If you are interested in joining the MSBOA/MYAF Festival team, please contact Paul DeRubeis at pderubeis@bloomfield.org or (248) 341-6522. In addition to Jim Rice and myself, we need at least 3 additional members for the duration of the festival - prior experience not necessary.

Lastly, please remind your students that MSBOA S/E festivals is the qualifying “audition” for MYAF, so practice their scales!

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. DeRubeis
MYAF Committee Chair

M.S.B.O.A. District VIII
Michigan Youth Arts Festival
January 7, 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 8 - Saturday, May 10 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 & Ensemble Festival ratings and adjudicator recommendations.
- Students nominated for Youth Arts Soloists will audition on April ~~11~~ 11th at CMU for 5 soloist positions.
- The MYAF website is 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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Napoleon High School

THURSDAY, MAY 8

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Visual Arts Exhibition Opening, Richmond Center Student Gallery
Presented by the Michigan Art Education Association and VSA arts of Michigan

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Welcoming Celebration, Miller Auditorium

9:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Theatre Performance, Shaw Theatre
Presented by the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association

FRIDAY, MAY 9

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Solo and Vocal Ensemble Performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall
Presented by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

2008 Michigan Student Film & Video Festival Showcase, Richmond Center
Presented by Digital Arts, Film & Television

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visual Arts Exhibit, Richmond Center Student Gallery
Presented by the Michigan Art Education Association and VSA arts of Michigan

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

2008 Michigan Student Film & Video Festival Showcase and Creative Writing Performances, Richmond Center
Presented by Digital Arts, Film & Television and the Michigan Council of Teachers of English

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Solo and Vocal Ensemble Performances, Dalton Center Recital Hall
Presented by the Michigan School Vocal Music Association

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Theatre Performance, Shaw Theatre
Presented by the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association

6:30 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.

Honors Chamber Ensemble performances throughout Miller Auditorium
Presented by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and The Michigan Unit of the American String Teachers Association

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Gala Concert, Miller Auditorium
Selected Choral performances
Educators of the Year recognition
Grand Rapids Youth Symphony with Outstanding Soloists

9:15 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Theatre Performance, Shaw Theatre
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Presented by the Michigan Interscholastic Forensic Association

SATURDAY, MAY 10

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Visual Arts Exhibit, Richmond Center Student Gallery
Presented by the Michigan Art Education Association and VSA arts of Michigan

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Piano Master Class, Dalton Center Lecture Hall
Presented by the Michigan Music Teachers Association

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MSBOA and MASTA Instrumental Collage, Dalton Center Recital Hall
Presented by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and the Michigan Unit of the American String Teachers Association

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Dance Showcase Concert, Shaw Theatre
Presented by Michigan Dance Council

2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

MSBOA Honors Jazz Band, Honors Band, MSVMA All-State Choir, and Honors Orchestra Concert, Miller Auditorium
Presented by the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and the Michigan School Vocal Music Association