

Coe College Bands

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Dear Band Director,

The Coe College Music Department would like to invite you and your students to participate in the Coe College Honor Band Experience! All three honor bands (Elementary, Junior, and Senior) take place in conjunction with the Coe College Festival of Bands, which each year features a guest composer/conductor. This year's guest composer/conductor is **Robert W. Smith** and all the musicians selected for the Honor Bands will have the opportunity to work with this outstanding composer and musician.

The 15th Annual Coe College **Elementary Honor Bands** will take place on Saturday, April 8. Last year's honor bands were very successful and we are looking forward to another great year. The Elementary Honor Band conductors this year are Robert W. Smith and Beth Davies. The Coe College Elementary Honor Band is open to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The nomination procedure is quite simple: you can either send us a database with nominations (the Honor Band Administrator, Chelsea Dunn - chelsea.k.dunn@gmail.com - will email you a blank template upon request) or make nominations online at tinyurl.com/CoeHonorBands. Selections are made by a committee at Coe College. Selected students come to Coe to rehearse with our guest composer and Mrs. Davies. The Elementary Honor Bands will present a concert in the late afternoon, prior to the Grand Finale Concert of the Coe College Concert Band and Wind Ensemble, which the students are invited to attend at no extra cost.

The Coe College **Junior and Senior Honor Bands** will also work with Mr. Smith, and will be selected by nomination. Junior and Senior High directors should also send us a database with nominations ([Chelsea Dunn](mailto:Chelsea.Dunn@coe.edu) will email you a blank template upon request) or make nominations online at tinyurl.com/CoeHonorBands. Selected students will have chair auditions on the day of the first rehearsal. The Coe College Junior Honor Band will be directed by Steve Shanley, Director of Music Education at Coe College, and the Coe College Senior Honor Band will be directed by Dr. William S. Carson, Director of Bands of Coe College. The Junior and Senior Honor Bands will have chair auditions and will rehearse on Sunday, April 2, and will have a warm-up rehearsal and concert on Sunday, April 9. We are excited to announce a **NEW, shorter rehearsal schedule on the first Sunday**, to make it easier for out-of-town participants to get home at a decent hour. Registration will begin at 12:30, afternoon rehearsals will run from 1-4:30, followed by dinner in the Coe Dining Service, and then one more rehearsal from 5:15 to 6:30. We hope you find this schedule change helpful!

The calendar for selection and performance is as follows:

- Friday, August 15, 2017 - Online nominations open
- Wednesday, February 8, 2017 - Online nominations close
- Saturday, February 25 - Monday, March 6, 2017 - Selections announced, music delivered
- Sunday, April 2, 2017 - Junior and Senior Honor Band chair auditions and rehearsal
- Saturday, April 8, 2017 - Elementary Honor Bands rehearsals and concert
- Sunday, April 9, 2017 - Junior and Senior Honor Band rehearsal and concert

There is a \$15.00 registration fee for students selected to the Elementary Honor Bands and a \$25.00 fee for students selected to the Junior and Senior Honor Bands. This fee will include a meal (April 2 dinner for the Junior and Senior bands, April 8 lunch for the Elementary bands). Please only nominate students who will attend if selected: **schools will be responsible for registration fees for students selected to the bands whether they can attend or not.** We will choose two Elementary Honor Bands of approximately 110 members each and one Junior Honor Band and one Senior Honor Band of approximately 95 members each. In order to allow the greatest number of students to participate, students will be selected to only one of the bands. 6th grade students may choose to be nominated for either the Elementary Honor Band or the Junior Honor Band.

To make your nominations, please visit send us your database, or visit tinyurl.com/CoeHonorBands. All nominations need to be completed online by February 8, 2017. Should you have further questions, feel free to contact one of the organizers below.

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