

Northwest International Festival of Music

Minot State University Division of Music
500 University Avenue West
Minot, ND 58707

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Dear Music Director:

The Minot State University Division of Music is pleased to invite you and your students to participate in the 31st Annual ***Northwest International Festival of Music*** to be held Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th here on the MSU Campus. Students will be selected by audition to participate in one of the following ensembles:

Northwest Honor Band
Northwest Honor Mixed Choir
Northwest Honor Women's Choir

AND

This year we've added a fourth ensemble – *the Nova Choir*
(a mixed ensemble for younger and developing students.)

Choir students from the 8th through the 12th grades may audition for all ensembles. The musical selections for these 2009 Honor groups will be challenging, educational and fun for your students. We guarantee a unique and inspiring experience for all participants!

Complete NW Festival audition information is enclosed. Live auditions are available Monday, September 21st between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Tuesday, the 22nd between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. here at the MSU Division of Music. Please call our office at 858-3185 to reserve an audition time. The audition form and this letter are also available at www.minotstateu.edu/nwmusic.

All recorded auditions must be postmarked by **Wednesday September 30th**. The audition results will be posted on the web at www.minotstateu.edu/nwmusic by noon on Wednesday, October 7th.

The music will be mailed to your students as soon as the participants have been selected. To insure the highest quality experience, students will be expected to arrive at the festival well-prepared on all the chosen pieces.

We are excited about this event and sincerely hope your music students will audition to participate in our 31st Annual ***Northwest International Festival of Music*** this November.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth Bowles
Director of Choral Activities

Joe Alme
Honor Band Guest Conductor