

UNIVERSITY of
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School of Music
University Orchestras

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WESTERN STATE HONOR ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

Dear Orchestra Director,

The University of Northern Colorado School of Music is delighted to announce the twenty-fifth annual Western States Honor Orchestra Festival, which will be held November 6-8, 2008 at the Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley, Colorado. We are planning an extraordinary event to celebrate twenty-five years of this festival and would like to invite your students to audition in order to participate this fall.

William Preucil, concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra and former first violinist with the Cleveland Quartet, will be our distinguished guest for the festival; he will give a masterclass, perform a recital and perform as soloist in the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto with the WSHOF Chamber Orchestra. We will shortly announce both the violin soloist, who will perform with the UNC Symphony, and our guest conductor for the WSHOF Symphony Orchestra. Russell Guyver will conduct the Chamber Orchestra. In addition, students and their directors will be invited to a celebratory banquet on Friday November 7, as our guests.

Works for harp will be included in the repertoire for the Symphony Orchestra. We are again inviting high school age harpists to apply. Dr. Kathy Moore, harpist on the UNC faculty, will work intensively with the harpists throughout the festival.

All auditions materials will appear on our website so that your students may begin to prepare for this event during the summer. Please note: **WE WILL NO LONGER SEND OUT HARD COPIES** unless we receive specific requests from those unable to download the materials from our website. We hope to have all of our materials displayed on our website soon (see address below), which will eliminate a duplicate mailing in August. Audition tapes must be postmarked by Wednesday, September 17; hand-delivered entries must be received in the UNC Orchestra Office by 4:30pm Friday, September 19. Please note, there is a \$15 audition fee, which must accompany the audition tape/CD and audition entry form. The registration fee for the festival will be \$50 if paid in advance or \$55 if paid at registration. Registration fees are only to be paid after the student has been accepted. **Please ask your students to check their schedules carefully. If they will be unable to attend any part of the festival (for ACT tests, for example), they should not apply**—we ask this in order to maximize the experience for all those attending. The decision of the judges is final.

We will post updates and audition results, etc. on our Western States Honor Orchestra Festival website: www.arts.unco.edu/WSHOF.html. We look forward to welcoming you this fall. If you have any questions, please contact the UNC Orchestra Office at (970) 351-2273 or email Jennifer Beck at jennifer.beck@unco.edu.

Yours sincerely,
Russell Guyver,
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