

Colleagues,

The 2018 CBDNA North Central Division Conference will take place on the campus of Western Michigan University, February 22-24. Scott Boerma, Director of Bands, will serve as our host in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

All though there will be no particular theme to this conference there will be an emphasis on the inclusion of women and minority composers to be represented on every concert program.

PERFORMANCE APPLICATIONS

This message shall serve as the formal call for performance materials. Applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2017 for consideration. The application form is available on the CBDNA website, or by contacting me directly.

In support of our continued efforts to serve the diverse membership we cherish in CBDNA, I would encourage ensembles from schools and band programs of all sizes to consider applying.

Applications for performance should include:

1. Four UNMARKED compact discs. Each disc should include the same recordings of live, unedited performances from the 2016-2017 academic year. The total amount of music on the CD should be between 30-60 minutes.
2. A separate information sheet indicating the college/university, ensemble, conductor's name, and repertoire (with track numbers) appearing on the CD.
3. The completed application form.
4. Concert programs from the 2016-2017 academic year.
5. A proposed program with emphasis on female and minority composers. If selected please plan to bring that composer or composers to the conference. Also include any potential guest soloists or premieres.

Send all application materials to:

Kevin Sedatole
Director of Bands
Michigan State University
333 West Circle
Music Building
East Lansing, MI 48824

A committee of CBDNA members will review the performance materials submitted. Notification of selected ensembles will be made by June 15. **NOTE: Conductors of accepted ensembles must be current members of CBDNA.**

SESSION PROPOSALS

Please begin formulating your thoughts and ideas for conference sessions. The formal call for proposals will go out on June 1, with a deadline of July 15. The announcement of selected presenters will be made by August 15. I hope that we can generate some sessions on diversity and continue the dialogue that seemed to be flourishing in Kansas City.

INTERCOLLEGIATE HONOR BAND

I am pleased to announce that Jamie Nix, Director of Wind Ensemble Activities, Professor of Conducting at the Schwob School of Music, Columbus State University will be our guest conductor for the 2018 Intercollegiate Honor Band. Additional information concerning the selection process for this ensemble will be distributed in the fall.

I am looking forward to our 2018 CBDNA North Central Division Conference and hope you will join us. I welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions concerning any and all aspects of this professional gathering. Please feel free to contact me at anytime!

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