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27th Annual UMM Concert Band Festival

Summary:

(November 1, 2005)-Approximately 100 student musicians from high schools statewide will participate in the 27th Annual Concert Band Festival on Saturday, Nov.12, at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

This year's festival will feature guest conductors John L. Whitwell, director of bands at Michigan State University Scott Jones, director of bands at Concordia College, and guest artists Andrew Lee Tucker, instructor of tuba and euphonium at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Tom Henchal, UMM bands principal trumpet the 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Band led by Commander and conductor Chief Warrant Officer 2 Trygve Skaar, the UMM Festival Honor Band and the UMM Concert Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, conducted by Dr. John Stanley Ross.

Two performances will occur during the festival, the first at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall, featuring the UMM Symphonic Wind Ensemble with conductor Ross and guest conductors Whitwell, Jones, Skaar, and guest tuba soloist Tucker. Repertoire to be performed will include Shafer Mahoney's "Sparkle," Shostakovich/Reynolds' "Prelude Op. 34, No. 14," Thomas Ritter George's "Concertino for Tuba," Holst's "Second Suite in F," and Prokofiev/Yoder's "March Op. 99." Also appearing on Friday evening will be the 34th Infantry Band, led by Skaar, performing a "Salute to the Military."

The second performance, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the HFA Recital Hall, will feature the UMM Festival Honor Band, comprised of 100 high school instrumentalists from throughout Minnesota, the UMM Concert Band, and the 34th Infantry Band. Works performed by the UMM Concert Band will include Strauss' "Konigsmarsch," Arutiunian's "Concerto for Trumpet" with student soloist Henchal, Ticheli's "Amazing Grace," Brand's "Tapestry for Tuba" with guest artist Tucker, and Shostakovich's "Festive Overture." The 34th Infantry "Red Bull" Band will perform "Glory of the Trumpets," Whitacre's "October," and Hindemith's "March from Symphonic Metamorphosis." Repertoire of the Festival Honor Band will be Saint Saens' "Pas Redouble," Arnold's "Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo," Elgar's "Nimrod from Enigma Variations," and Sousa's "El Capitan."

Other features of the festival include a free master class and recital with Tucker for all students, conductors, and the community at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, in the HFA Recital Hall, followed by a conducting symposium at 2:15 p.m. with the UMM Concert Band and clinicians Whitwell, Jones and Ross along with several high school conductors.

The Friday performance is free of charge. Ticket prices for the Saturday performance are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for seniors and students. For further information, contact Dr. John Stanley Ross, UMM director of bands, at johnross@morris.umn.edu or by calling 320-589-6236.

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