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Summary:

(October 25, 2004)-Approximately 60 student musicians from high schools statewide will participate in the 26th Annual Concert Band Festival on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5-6, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Schools that have indicated they will participate in the Festival include Saint Bernard's School, St. Paul Holy Trinity Delano West Central Area Barrett Upsala Wadena-Deer Creek Morris and Chokio-Alberta, among others.

This year's festival will feature guest conductor Gary Lewis, director of orchestral activities at Texas Tech University, and guest artist Jerry Peel, professor of horn at the University of Miami. Two performances will occur during the festival - the first at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5, in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall will feature UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman as narrator. The second performance will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, in Edson Auditorium, located in the UMM Student Center. The second performance will feature the UMM Festival Honor Band, comprised of 60 high school instrumentalists from throughout Minnesota. Also performing will be the UMM Concert Band and the UMM Brass Ensemble conducted by Jerry Peel.

Other features of the festival include a free master class with Jerry Peel at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov.5, in the HFA Recital Hall, and a two day conducting symposium with the UMM Concert Band and clinicians Gary Lewis and John Stanley Ross along with several high school conductors.

Ticket prices for the performances 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@mrs.umn.edu or by calling 320-589-6236.

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