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**UMM to host 25th Annual Band Festival**

*Summary:*

(October 29, 2003)-More than 125 students from 22 high schools throughout Minnesota will participate during the 25th Annual UMM Band Festival Monday, Nov. 17, at the University of Minnesota, Morris. This special event, founded by Dr. James Carlson, professor of music and music discipline chair, features a performance by the high school students in the Festival Honor Band.

Also performing will be the UMM Concert Band under the direction of Dr. John Stanley Ross, director of bands and festival coordinator. Featured guest artists will include: Dr. Jack Delaney, guest conductor, director of bands at Southern Methodist University Thomas Riccobono, trombone soloist, professor of low brass, Interlochen Center for the Arts and Hope Koehler, soprano, professor of voice, UMM.

The festival also features two free events: a Master Class with Thomas Riccobono at 1 p.m. in the HFA Recital Hall and a Conducting Symposium with Dr. Delaney and Dr. Ross and 10 high school band conductors with the UMM Concert Band at 2 p.m. in Edson Auditorium. The finale performance of the festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium.

Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, and \$1 for senior citizens and students. Tickets will be available at the door, and also in the Student Center during the week prior to the concert.

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