



November 5, 2015

Dear MAIS Band Directors,

The MAIS Bandmasters State Band Clinic will be held January 7-9, 2016 on the Hinds Community College Campus in Raymond. The clinic will consist of two honor bands directed by two distinguished conductors, Ms. Juanita Proffitt, Director of Bands at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Dr. Marc Decker, Director of Instrumental Music and Director of Music Education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Both clinicians will provide an exciting and educational atmosphere at the band clinic this year.

Participants have the option of staying at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center by the Hinds campus or the Comfort Inn and Suites in Clinton. You are more than welcome to drive back and forth if you are local or pick a hotel of your liking anywhere you like. If you have questions, please feel free to email me any concerns you may have.

Reservations can be made at Eagle Ridge under the name "Mississippi Association of Independent Schools Bandmasters" and should be made by December 18. After this date they will release the rest of the rooms and you can take your chances. **Eagle Ridge is closed between December 19th and January 3rd.** As in the past you will need to pay for your rooms and provide a proper Tax ID form in order to not pay taxes. I also called The Comfort Inn & Suites in Clinton and they will offer rooms at a discounted rate for the conference. The Comfort Inn & Suites provides a free breakfast. Rates are listed below for both hotels.

Eagle Ridge Conference Center

1500 Raymond Lake Rd
Raymond, MS 39154
Phone: (601) 857-7100

\$85.00 Single/Double occupancy

\$95.00 Triple/Quad occupancy

Comfort Inn & Suites

5010 Hampstead Blvd
Clinton, MS 39056
Phone: (601) 925-8250

\$85.99 Single/Double Occupancy

\$85.99 Triple/Quad Occupancy

Here is a link <http://tinyurl.com/pcfbp4t> to submit names for the clinic. The link will take you to a Google Doc where you can enter the student's names, instrument, gender, and grade. This is a shared document, so please be careful not to delete anyone off the form. You may edit names and information until December 9. The link will be disabled on December 9th at the end of the day. Please nominate students who are at least in their second year of playing their instrument. That being said, if you have a star... send them.

Please remember that this is an audition for a 1st and 2nd band and not a junior high and high school band. Players will be placed in a band based on their audition and not their grade. Please remember that you need to make sure your students commit to the clinic because you will be responsible for their clinic **fees of \$65 per student**, if they decide not to attend. In the past few years we have run short of the special instruments, like French horn, Bassoon, etc. so if you have them, send them.

The audition information and clinic schedule can be found online at maisbandmasters.com. I am very excited about the clinic in January and I hope that you will encourage your students to attend. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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