

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region

Gorham Middle School
Gorham, Maine 04038
April 24-26, 2014

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Dear Students:

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands - New England Region Band Festival to be held from **April 24-26, 2014** at Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Road, Gorham, ME 04038. This year, the Sousa National Honors Bands – New England Region will be comprised of an honors Wind Ensemble, consisting primarily of students from grades 9 through 12 and a Junior Honors Band, with students from grades 7 and 8. As originally advertised, Mr. Jay S. Gephart will conduct the Wind Ensemble and Ms. Pamela Potter will conduct the Junior Honors Band.

Attached, please find the following:

1. An individual student agreement contract with a health form printed on the back
2. A concert ticket order form
3. A festival T-shirt order form
4. A concert recording order form.

Note: Copies of all of these can also be found on our website.

- A press release, which we request you copy and mail to your local media outlets.

Student's names will appear in the program as printed on your forms unless we are notified elsewhere.

There are two different Registration Fees depending upon whether or not accepted students will stay at The Howard Johnson's Plaza or commute from a reasonable distance to Gorham, ME. The **Fee for Overnight Students is \$195.00 per student**. The **Fee for Commuter Students is \$125.00 per student**. Shuttle buses between The Howard Johnson's Plaza and Gorham Middle School will operate at no additional charge. Thursday and Friday evening dinners and Friday and Saturday lunches are included for all students. Some type of breakfast will be available on Friday and Saturday.

Registration checks should be made payable to the "**John Philip Sousa Foundation**".

Registration check(s), and all individual student agreement contracts, and health forms, need to be completely filled out and returned to the following address by **FRIDAY, March 21, 2014**:

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region
c/o Thomas E. Reynolds
P.O. Box 102
Templeton, Massachusetts 01468

Please indicate special dietary needs, such as vegetarian, kosher, etc. on the health forms.

Music will be mailed out to each participating school upon receipt of the acceptance forms and fees.

The **Concert** will be held at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham, ME, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 at 3:00pm**.

Ticket Order Forms should be completed and sent to:

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region
Attn: Ticket Chairperson
Deb Bellantoni
57 Alexander Drive
Gorham, Maine 04038

with a check payable to “**John Philip Sousa Foundation.**” If you wish to have the tickets mailed to you in advance, please also include a self-addressed stamped envelope and return the form by **Friday, April 11, 2014**, otherwise your tickets will be waiting at the door when you arrive.

T-shirt Order Forms should be completed and sent to:

John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands – New England Region
Attn: T-Shirt Chairperson
Kristen Wentworth
51 Sydney’s Way
Gorham, Maine 04038

with a check payable to “**Gorham Middle School Band**”. The **deadline** for T-shirt Reservations is **Friday, March 28, 2014**.

Concert Recording Order Forms should be completed and sent directly to the recording company:

Mclver Recording
95 Spring Road
Scotia, New York 12302

with a check payable to “**Mclver Recording**”. The cost is **\$23.50** for each **Compact Disc** ordered.

For directors and parents planning to come to this Sousa Band Festival, a list of area hotel accommodations will be available shortly. The Howard Johnson’s Plaza will have a limited number of additional rooms available for directors at a discounted rate. Mention the John Philip Sousa Festival should you call and reserve a room there.

Once again, congratulations to all! We are looking forward to meeting all of you in this upcoming festival!

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Reynolds & Robert L. Rucinski
Festival Coordinators

The depth of talent for our student participants is truly outstanding. 98% of all students study privately, and over 80% have been involved in some type of district/all-state type of experience already. Incoming students have participated in the following diverse list of musical experiences: 88th Army Band, Ace Band, ASBDA, Bangor Youth Wind Ensemble, Massachusetts Central District Junior Band, MMEACD Junior Orchestra, MMEACD Senior Orchestra, MMEACD Senior Band, Colonial Band, Connecticut All-State Junior Band, Dover-Foxcroft Band, East Bay Wind Ensemble, Connecticut Eastern Region Band, Friends Academy Band, Greater Bridgeport Youth Symphony Orchestra, Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra, Students studying at the Julliard School, Litchfield Jazz Festival, Manchester Youth Symphony Orchestra, Maine All-State Band, Maine District III Band, Maine District V Band, Maine Solo/Ensemble Festival, Merrymeeting Band, MICCA, Mid-Coast Concert Band, MIT Concert Band, Massachusetts Northeast District Band, New Hampshire South Central District Junior Band, Ocean State Youth Orchestra, Pawtucket Youth Summer Jazz Band, Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, Students of members of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, Quabbin Community Band, Quabbin Regional District Band, Quabbin Valley Music Festival Bands, Rhode Island All-State Band, RI Junior Jazz Band, RI All-State Orchestra, RI Junior All-State Band, RI Junior All-State Jazz Band, RI Junior All-State Orchestra, RI Junior District Band, RI Solo/Ensemble Festival, Rose Bowl, Massachusetts Southeast Junior District Band, Southeastern Massachusetts School Bandmasters’ Association Bands, Southern Maine District Band, Stamford Youth Symphony Orchestra, Summer Youth Music School of the University of New Hampshire, Tri-State Solo/Ensemble Festival of Oklahoma, Vermont/Champlain Valley District Band, Vermont Youth Orchestra Chamber Quartet, Wisconsin Youth Honor Band, Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra, WYSO Worcester Youth Wind Ensemble, York County Honors Band.