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Dear Esteemed Colleague,

I am writing to cordially invite you to nominate your outstanding middle school students for the **2025 UofL Summer Middle School Wind Band Institute**. We will be offering a special ensemble experience for middle school students who can successfully perform up to *Grade 2* music. The camp will focus on performance instruction, comprehensive musicianship, playing techniques, and theory skills.

This year's Middle School Wind Band Institute will run from the afternoon of **Sunday, June 1, through the evening of Thursday, June 5, 2025**. We are delighted to have with us Guest Conductors Mr. Phil Thomas (Highland Hills Middle School, Retired Band Director), and Ms. Linda Pulley (Noe Middle School Band Director), as well as UofL faculty and students.

The UofL School of Music will host the 2025 Middle School Summer WBI, allowing the campers to experience a slice of college life. On check-in day, each student will complete a brief placement audition and a brief theory exam to determine the appropriate placement within the ensemble and the most appropriate theory section. A band camper's musical day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m., when they are picked up and return home for the evening. Each day will include full ensemble rehearsals, master classes, theory instruction, and an hour break for lunch. The final day on June 5 will conclude with a free public performance in Comstock Concert Hall.

The complete cost of the camp is \$170 and must be received by **Friday, May 16**. Included in the camp fee is instruction, a meal plan, and a camp T-shirt. Payments are NON-REFUNDABLE. Please complete and return the nomination form as soon as possible, as sections will close when filled. **The deadline for nominations is Friday, April 25**. Nominations should be sent directly to Adam Thomas at adam.thomas@louisville.edu or regular mail.

You may also nominate your students online at: <https://uoflbands.com/special-events/middle-school-wind-band-institute/middle-school-wind-band-institute-nomination-form/>

If you have any questions, please contact Adam Thomas at adam.thomas@louisville.edu. On behalf of the entire UofL Bands Staff, we thank you for all that you do for students and your support of the UofL Summer Middle School Wind Band Institute!

Sincerely,



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