

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE[®]

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

October 1, 2025

Dear Director,

Greetings! I hope that you and your students have had a terrific start to the school year. We are excited to announce our **28th Annual Invitational Honor Band Weekend** on Friday and Saturday, January 23 & 24, 2026.

I invite you to nominate your outstanding student musicians to participate. Included is a nomination form that should be completed and returned via email to Adam Thomas (adam.thomas@louisville.edu) by **Friday October 31, 2025**.

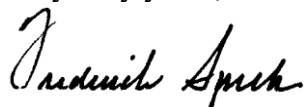
Invitation letters from our Band Office will then be sent to selected students from your nomination list. Included with their letter will be further details about the event, a registration form, hotel options, and a final schedule.

During the two-day event, students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from campus. Staying overnight in a hotel is not a requirement, if commuting to and from UofL is preferred. The registration fee for this event is \$40, which includes a 2026 Invitational Honor Band T-shirt and a pizza lunch on Saturday. Recordings of the performances can be ordered at the time of the concert.

Our final event will feature a 7:00 p.m. performance of the three fine Honor Bands in Comstock Concert Hall at the School of Music. I, along with my colleagues Dr. Amy Acklin and Dr. Jason Cumberledge, will rehearse and conduct the ensembles. We've become accustomed to having an excellent group of high school musicians as participants in this event and thank you in advance for your support. As always, our goal is to make the experience rewarding for everyone.

All of us on the University of Louisville band staff look forward to working with you and your student musicians!

Very truly yours,



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