



School of Visual & Performing Arts

Dear PMEA District 1 High School Band Directors,

I hope your school year has been enjoyable so far and this letter finds you well. Seton Hill University is excited to host the 2022 PMEA District 1 Honors Jazz Band Festival.

Registration, a Director's Meeting, and Auditions will be held at Seton Hill University's Performing Arts Center (100 Harrison Ave. - Located on the "lower campus") on Thursday, December 9, 2021 starting at 5pm—please review the attached schedule for specific times and locations. Upon arrival you can park in either the Kern's lot (except in spots marked "24/7") and in lot 131. Please enter through the Harrison Ave. doors (under the big green marquee) where you will find our registration table. Remind your students to bring \$5.00 for the audition as well as monies if they would like to purchase pizza and snacks. Food will be provided for the directors. Directors are also reminded they must be in attendance to assist with auditions.

The two-day festival will run on Friday, February 4th, 2022 from 9:00am – 4:00pm and Saturday, February 5th from 9:00am – 4:00pm, followed by the concert at 5:30pm. Please remind your students to check their availability for both days of the festival.

Our two guest directors are: Mr. Joe Sheller, music educator at Kiski M.S. and freelance jazz musician and Mr. Clint Bleil, composer, freelance saxophonist, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at Washington and Jefferson College.

Included in this letter are the audition requirements, which also can be found on the PMEA District I website at <http://district1.pmea.net/audition-music.html>, a tentative Festival Schedule, as well as a map of our campus. We will also be hosting the PMEA D1 Professional Development Conference at SHU on Feb 5th. The Honors Jazz performances will serve as a finale to both events.

As per current SHU Covid-19 policies, all guests will be asked to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings can be removed for playing and eating.

We are thrilled to welcome you to Seton Hill's beautiful campus and performing arts center! If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher M. Marra".

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Audition Schedule

December 9, 2021

3:30pm – 5:00pm – Registration (Reichgut Concert Hall Lobby, SHU PAC)

- Park in either the Kern's Lot (no 24/7 spaces) or lot 131 located under the tunnel)
- Warm-up area in the Johnson Rehearsal Hall (Rm 112)

5:00pm – Director's Meeting

- Ridge Studio

5:30pm – Auditions Begin

8:00pm – Auditions End (*approximate*)

Festival Schedule

TENTATIVE

Friday, February 4, 2022

8:00am - 8:45am – Registration

8:45am – Seat Bands

9:00 am – Rehearsal, breaks, snacks

12:00 pm – Director's Luncheon

1:00pm – Student Lunch

1:45pm – Rehearsal

4:00pm – Rehearsal Ends

Saturday, February 5, 2022 (PMEA D1 Prof. Development also at SHU)

9:00am – Rehearsal begins

12:00pm – Banquet

1:30pm – Final Sound Checks and Pictures in Reichgut Concert Hall

5:00pm – Tune

5:30pm - Concert

7:00pm - End