

Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands - 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023 - Okemos High School

January 3, 2023

Greetings from the planners, hosts, and sponsors of the 2023 festival,

Please share this document with your organization's key people (conductor, business manager, percussion section leader, etc.)

We are now about eight weeks away from the event and need to gather information about each ensemble so that we can complete our planning process.

Pre-Festival Check List

For the concert program (due Friday, January 27, 2023)

- Your band's roster of members
- A brief history of your band
- The listing of selections in concert order including title, composer and arranger, and performance time.
- Concert program information must be sent by email, preferably as a Word document attachment. Plain text email is also welcome.
- - **Please do not use any layout formatting for your program or roster submission.** A simple list that includes each selection, composer's first and last name, and any arranger's first and last name will suffice. e.g.:
 - Fairest of the Fair, John Philip Sousa, arr. Keith Brion, 2 min : 30 sec
 - English Folk Song Suite, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 11 min : 00 sec
 - First Suite in E-flat, mvt 1 Chaconne, Gustav Holst, 4 min : 30 sec
- **Please include the performance time for each piece** so that we can ensure that each band will be able to complete its performance on time. Each band is limited to **a maximum of 45 minutes on stage.** This includes set-up, entering the stage, tuning, announcing selections, performance, applause, and exiting the stage. **Your program of selections may not exceed 30 minutes of music.**

Prior to the festival (by February 15th)

- The number of band members attending the festival
The Meridian Community Band will be offering fruit, pastry, sandwiches, and beverages throughout the day and will be using your responses as a planning tool.
- A seating chart for your band
This does not have to be exact. We understand that there are often last-minute changes and adjustments. Any help you can provide in this area will aid our stage crew in getting your band set up on stage as quickly as possible.
- Let us know if you will need to use a piano for your performance.
- Let us know if you will be using soloists so that we can have a microphone in place for the recording.

Tips and Guidelines for participating bands

It is our goal to be accommodating and helpful in making your presentation at the Red Cedar Festival both enjoyable and stress free. We offer the following guidelines and suggestions:

- Your band guide will escort your ensemble to each venue (warm up room, auditorium, clinic room, and home room) at the scheduled time. Please be ready to follow the band guide's instructions.
- After the stage set-up crew has completed its work, please enter the stage as quickly as possible.
- Announcements, including introductions of both musical selections and conductors or soloists, should be kept as brief as possible.

- At the conclusion of the performance, please exit the stage as quickly as possible to allow the stage set-up crew to reset the stage for the next band. Conductors should make any post-concert announcements and comments to their bands in the clinic room and not on stage.
- We recommend the following time allowances:
 - Stage crew set up time – 3 minutes [crew provided by the Meridian Community Band]
 - Percussion equipment set up time – 3 minutes
 - Entering the stage and being seated – 3 minutes
 - Introduction of the band and its conductor – 1 minute
 - Tuning, performance of music, applause, introductions of selections – 30 minutes
 - Exiting the stage – 2 minutes
 - Percussion equipment removal - 3 minutes

On the day of the festival

- Provide two copies of conductor's scores of your performance selections for the clinicians. These will be returned to you at the end of your clinic. Photocopied scores are acceptable for the clinicians' use.
- Provide a script for the festival announcer (not necessary if you'll be using your own announcer) Scripts should be concise so that festival events may be kept on schedule.

Percussion equipment

- Okemos High School will provide the following large percussion instruments for your use on stage: timpani (5), bass drum, marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, orchestra bells, chimes, gong
- Percussionists are expected to provide their own drums (except bass drum), sticks, mallets, cymbals, any other instruments, and accessories.
- The "live" acoustics of the auditorium stage make the percussion instruments quite loud during performances.

The high school commons area will be the crossroads of festival activities featuring:

- Food and beverages
- Meeting area for networking
- Exhibit table for your band (optional)

Support the festival by purchasing souvenir and apparel items from our merchandise table in the main hallway. Proceeds from this activity help fund future festivals!

To make this festival an enlightening experience for all members of participating bands, participants are strongly urged to plan their day to allow time to:

- Drop off their instrument and coat in their band's assigned homeroom(s).
- Peruse the commons area and meet with band members from other bands.
- Attend the performance of another band's concert.
Everyone likes to play before a large audience. Your attendance will be a great morale booster. It is also an opportunity to expand your musical horizons.

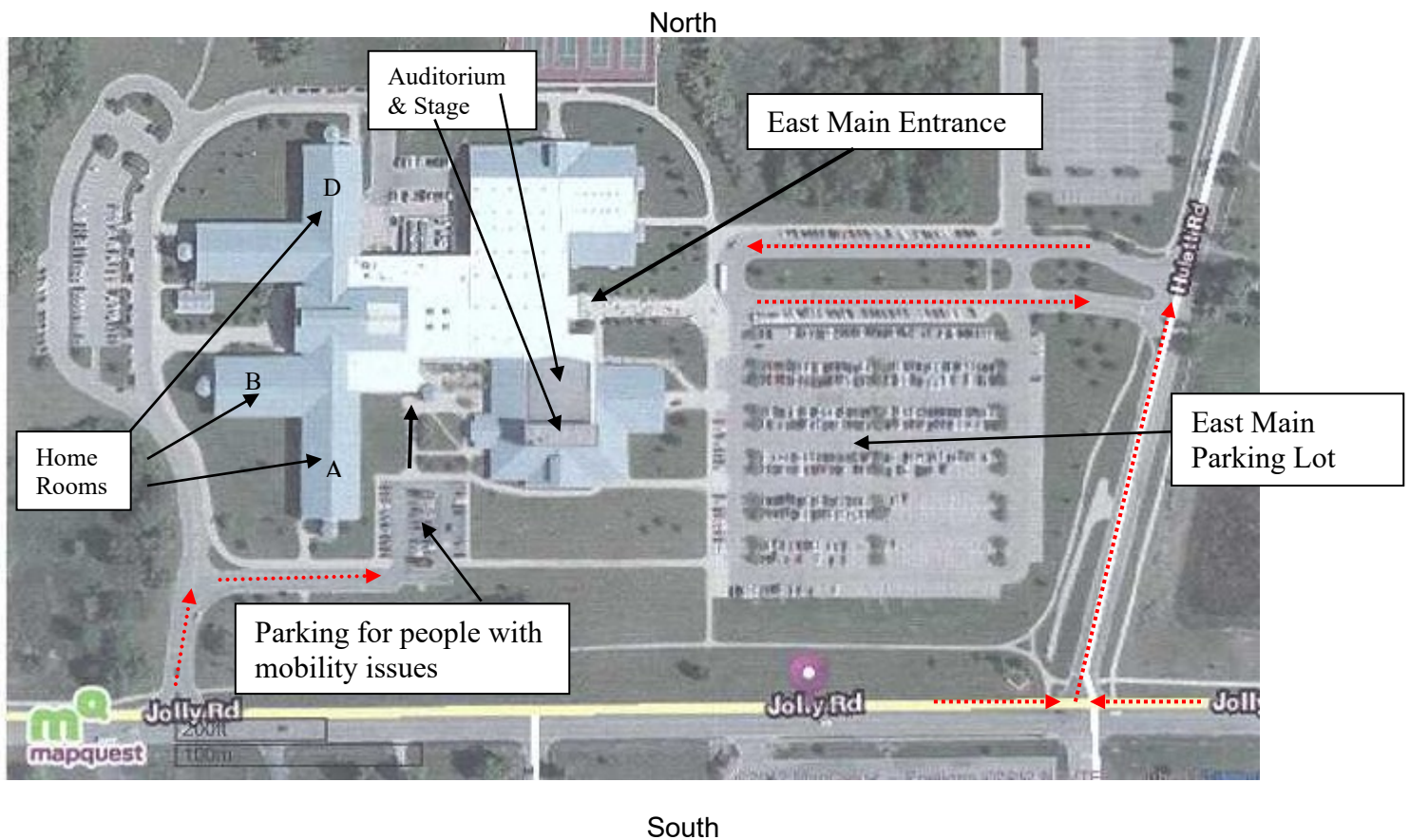
We are looking forward to seeing everyone in March!

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Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands – 2023
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26th Annual Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands

Saturday, March 4, 2023

Okemos High School – 2800 E Jolly Rd, Okemos, MI 48864



Driving directions: Please use an on-line mapping service such as Mapquest or Google maps for specific driving instructions.

General information: Okemos High School is located at 2800 E Jolly Rd in Okemos, MI., 48864. It is approximately 0.5 miles north and 1.2 miles west of Exit #110 (Okemos Road) on Interstate 96.

Ample parking is available in the east main parking lot. For persons with mobility issues, a small parking lot on the south side of the building will be available for use.

Each band is assigned two “home rooms” in which to store coats and instrument cases. The home rooms will be locked while the band is in the warm-up, performance, and post-concert clinic. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please lock any valuables in your car.

Greeters will meet you at the entrance and will provide you with schedules, directions, and other assistance. Band Guides will escort each band through its scheduled cycle of events.

Percussionists may want to consider bringing a cart or dolly to transport their equipment from the parking lot to the staging area.

Master Classes for various instruments and topics will be presented throughout the day. Information will be posted on the Red Cedar Festival website (<https://www.meridiancommunityband.org/red-cedar-festival/>).

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