

2011 PMEA DISTRICT 10
Intermediate Band & Orchestra Festival
Broughal Middle School
114 West Morton Street
Friday April 13, 2012

October, 3, 2011

Dear Middle School Band/Orchestra Director,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 2011 PMEA District 10 Intermediate Band and Orchestra Festival, to be held Friday April 13, 2011 at Broughal Middle School. The festival is an opportunity for our best musicians in grades 7 and 8 to perform together under the direction of well-respected music educators. The festival includes a day of rehearsal followed by dinner and a concert the same evening.

Our guest conductor for Band is Dr. William Stowman, and Dr. Timothy Dixon for orchestra. Traveling to us from Central Pennsylvania, Dr. William Stowman is Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music and Dr. Timothy Dixon is Director of Orchestral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at Messiah College. Dr. Stowman teaches trumpet and directs the Messiah College Trumpet Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and Big Band. He has been the recipient of the Robert and Marlyn Smith Award for Outstanding Teaching at Messiah and has also received the Pennsylvania Music Educators Citation of Excellence for his work in the schools and as a guest conductor. As a trumpeter, he performed and recorded with with the Messiah College Faculty Brass, The Keystone Wind Ensemble, and the North Texas Wind Symphony. He is a clinician with Edwards Trumpets.

Dr. Dixon teaches courses in conducting, music history and music education. Dr. Dixon has served as the conductor of the University of Iowa Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Preucil School String Orchestra. Dr. Dixon has served as the Music Director/Conductor of the Middletown Youth Symphony (OH), the Saginaw Bay Youth Orchestra (MI), the Michigan State University Musical Theater Department, and the Michigan State University Campus Orchestra. Dr. Dixon holds a B.A. and B.M. in Music and Music Education, respectively, from Miami University (OH), M.M. in Orchestral Conducting from Michigan State University, and the Doctor of Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting from the University of Iowa, where he studied conducting with William LaRue Jones. Dr. Dixon lives with his wife, Roxanne, a general music teacher. I am excited about the unique perspective and gifts each of these talented musicians will bring to our students.

Directors will need to accompany their students to the rehearsal and evening concert. If you are planning to leave at any time during the event, please secure another adult to be responsible for your students and forward their name to me. A registration fee of \$ 30.00 per student will be required for participation. All participating directors must be MENC members and may nominate only those students under their tutelage in their assigned buildings. Please download and copy the nomination form from the PMEA website. Directors are asked to recommend up to ten (10) all-star musicians on the nomination form. Be careful to include all requested information on the form. It helps to send as balanced instrumentation as possible. A copy of your PMEA Membership Card must be included with the nomination form, which is due no later than Wednesday, December 1, 2011. We will be doing all our correspondence via email. On the nomination form, please submit an email address that you check regularly. Thanks in advance for your participation and cooperation in what we hope will be an exciting and rewarding festival. If you have any questions, please contact me: mgross@beth.k12.pa.us 610-866-5041 extension 40938.

Musically yours,



Maryann S. Gross
Festival Coordinator