



## **Adventureland-Drake University Festival of Bands**

From its inception by festival founder, Drake University Director of Bands, Emeritus, Don Marcouiller in 1980, the Adventureland festival has provided school bands of all levels the opportunity to perform for, and be critiqued by America's most outstanding band conductors and composers.

### **High School Concert Bands April 24 and 25, 2009**

Entries to the *Adventureland – Drake University Festival of Bands* will be accepted from all 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade bands. All performances will be held in the auditorium at Waukee High School, acknowledged as one of the finest performance venues in central Iowa. Bands wishing to make Adventureland Park a part of their festival experience are encouraged to do so and may purchase tickets to the park at substantially reduced prices (See "Admission to Adventureland Park").

Robert Meunier, director of bands at Drake University, is festival coordinator. Inquiries about the festival should be directed to Robert Meunier at (515) 271-3963 or e-mailed to [robert.meunier@drake.edu](mailto:robert.meunier@drake.edu).

**Application forms for the festival are available on the internet at the following address:**

[http://www.drake.edu/artsci/Music\\_Dept/adventureland.html](http://www.drake.edu/artsci/Music_Dept/adventureland.html)

**If you are unable to access the information from this website, please contact Robert Meunier for hard copy versions of the forms and they will be forwarded to you. Return applications to the festival may be mailed or e-mailed, as necessary, to Robert Meunier. Please see the web site for further details.**

### **Band Classifications**

Classifications for participating high school bands follow the size guidelines outlined by the Iowa High School Music Association (IHSMA). The classes, determined by enrollment in grades 9-12, are enumerated below.

Class 1A	1-174	Class 3A	300-599
Class 2A	175-299	Class 4A	600 or more

The festival includes a fifth entry division entitled Open Class. Entries into the Open Class will be accepted from second and/or third bands from schools of any size classification, and from 9<sup>th</sup> grade bands. Second and third bands may opt to enter either the Open Class with ensembles of similar design or enter their school's normal class size. 9<sup>th</sup> grade bands are required to enter into Open Class.

## Performance Categories

The festival affords bands the opportunity to enter one of three categories within its class.

### Best in Class Competition

Bands opting for this category enter competition for the Best in Class Trophy and receive division ratings (I+, I, I-, II+, II, II- etc.), a compact disc recording of their performance, and recorded and written comments from each member of the adjudication panel.

### Division Rating

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### Comments Only

Bands opting for this category receive a compact disc recording of their performance, and recorded and written comments from each member of the adjudication panel.

## Registration Fees

There is a registration fee of \$100 per band for participation in any of the performance categories. Fees are used to offset the cost of the festival including adjudicator expenses, travel costs, performance venues, recordings, and awards.

## Don Marcouiller Best in Class Trophy

Festival founder Don Marcouiller's commitment to the growth and development of this festival, his tireless enthusiasm for music education and his unwavering dedication to the band medium are embodied in this festival. To honor his longstanding contributions, the Best in Class Awards of this festival bear his name.

The Don Marcouiller Best in Class Trophy will be awarded to the outstanding band in each of the four classes of the high school festival as outlined by the guidelines of the Iowa High School Music Association with the addition of a trophy for the Open class. Bands will be eligible for the awards if they are judged to be the most outstanding band in their class and receive a minimum festival rating of II+.

## 2007 High School Best in Class Results

Class 4A	Southeast Polk Wind Ensemble	Jacqui Meunier
Class 3A	Hampton-Dumont Concert Band	Leon Kuehner
Open	Southeast Polk Symphonic Band	Jacqui Meunier

## Admission to Adventureland Park

Tickets are available on consignment to make the ticketing procedure as easy as possible. Directors of participating bands may now order tickets for students, parents, and chaperones on consignment until April 4 at a cost of \$16 per ticket, approximately one-half regular price. Payment for these tickets may be deferred until after the festival when payment is due for tickets actually used. Unused tickets may simply be returned along with payment for those sold. An order form for tickets will be sent to you by Adventureland Park after your application for the Festival has been accepted. Directors will return their ticket orders directly to Bill Fisher at Adventureland Park, P.O. Box 3355, Des Moines, Iowa 50316 or call Adventureland at (515) 266-2121. Complimentary tickets for directors and chaperones are issued at the rate of one ticket for each fifteen tickets purchased. Ticket holders may leave and re-enter the park with a hand stamp issued at the main gate during their visit.

