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Dear Artist and Musician,

Thank you for your interest in the 2019 All-Valley Honor Band. We are fortunate to have Professor Gary W. Hill leading the band as our guest conductor this year! To work with a conductor of this reputation is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity. Eligible students must be a participating member of their High School Band program in Palm Springs Unified, Desert Sands Unified, or Coachella Unified. Or – students must be actively involved in an ensemble in the Coachella Valley region.

Students will have opportunities throughout the preparation process to work in sectionals professionals on their respective instruments. The experience culminates with a performance opportunity at Rancho Mirage High School's Helene Galen Center for the Performing Arts. In addition to these great opportunities, students will experience preparation of some of the finest wind band repertoire.

Students wishing to audition must provide a \$10.00 fee on the audition date. Upon acceptance students will be responsible for a \$50.00 fee to participate in the ensemble. Students will receive five (5) complimentary tickets to the concert. In cases of financial hardship, these fees can be paid on behalf of the music booster clubs at your respective schools, contact Mr. Fleischmann for special circumstances such as hardship. All monies collected will be put toward operating costs for the honor band.

Auditions are scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 3rd. Students will check in at the CMH/Pollock Theater building (drop off/park in Lot 21) for auditions and sectionals. Visit <http://www.codband.net/honor-band.html> to sign up for an audition time.

By auditioning for this ensemble, you agree to commit to ALL of the rehearsal dates. Failure to appear at a rehearsal without a valid excuse (illness) will result in your spot being forfeited to another player. All attendance concerns/issues must be submitted via email to mfleischmann@collegeofthedesert.edu. Do NOT ask permission to miss a rehearsal. By auditioning, you are committing to the rehearsal and performance schedule below:

Thursday, April 25th –Rehearsal at Cathedral City High School, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Thursday, May 2nd –Rehearsal at Cathedral City High School, 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Saturday, May 4th – Sectional and Rehearsal at College of the Desert – 12:00pm – 5:00pm
Friday, May 10th – Rehearsal with Dr. Hill 5:00pm – 8:00pm at Cathedral City High School
Saturday, May 11th – Rehearsal with Dr. Hill 9:00am – 4:00pm at Cathedral City High School
Sunday, May 12th – Dress Rehearsal 11:30 call time, 4:00pm concert at Rancho Mirage High School

Thank you again for your interest, please contact Michael Fleischmann with any questions: mfleischmann@collegeofthedesert.edu. And, as always, reference <http://www.codband.net/honor-band.html> for all information pertaining to this year's honor band event!

Musically Yours,

Michael Fleischmann
Director, College of the Desert Symphonic Band

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