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Dear Music Majors and Music Enthusiasts!

Greetings from the Music Department at Mansfield University! You are receiving this information because you are either a music major or you have expressed an interest in joining our performing groups. This is an important letter that provides you access to information for music ensembles at M.U., as well as preparatory information for the start of the 2009 Fall semester.

Just like last summer, all of your needed information for the start up of the 2009-2010 academic year is now available on line at <http://music.mansfield.edu/student-resources/>. On this page you will see the following items:

Audition Materials:

- Audition etudes for all instruments. (non-music majors are welcome to audition and can download these materials, but **all instrumental music majors MUST audition and perform in an instrumental ensemble**)
- The choral ensemble audition information/instructions. (non-music majors are welcome to audition and can download these materials, but **all vocal music majors MUST audition and perform in a choir.**) Instrumentalists, remember – if you are a music education major you need the choral audition information as well!

Informational Letters:

- The music department letter (for all music majors!). This has information you'll need to have a successful 2009-10 year.
- The marching band letter: (All band members will need this letter which includes band camp dates, time, tentative performance schedules and other pertinent information.) This letter contains the Marching Band Member Information Sheet which must be completed and returned by **July 17, 2009**. Members of the marching band begin arriving in the middle of August-- please consult the schedule in the marching band letter for more specific information. All marching band member must attend the pre-season camp.
- Choral Activities for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Orchestral Activities for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Information for Incoming Students:

- Handbook. Incoming students should download a copy of the current music department handbook for 2009-2010. Read through this manual to understand department policies and procedures. You will also find your degree plan detailed in this handbook. It provides a semester by semester guide of what classes to take.

Auditions for concert ensembles such as wind ensemble, orchestra and jazz band for musicians who are in the marching band will take place during the band camp. For those persons not in marching band

who are interested in choral ensemble auditions, orchestra, wind ensemble and/or jazz band, auditions will take place on **Sunday, August 30** in Butler Center 136. Specific times will be posted in Butler Music Center. Contact Dr. Brennan if you have questions. Rhythm section auditions will take place in the first two jazz band rehearsals of the first week of classes.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Freshmen Schedule for Friday, August 28, 2009**

**9:30 you will meet in Butler Music Center with your advisor. Rooms will be posted outside the music office.**

**11:00 – first class meeting of UNV 1100**

**12:00 noon – Convocation at Straughn Auditorium followed by a picnic**

**Classes for all students begin at 8:30 am on Monday, August 31.**

This is a change from past years!

Please visit our web site to download your materials. Practice diligently this summer. Remember: there are no days off as an artist/musician!

Sincerely,

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