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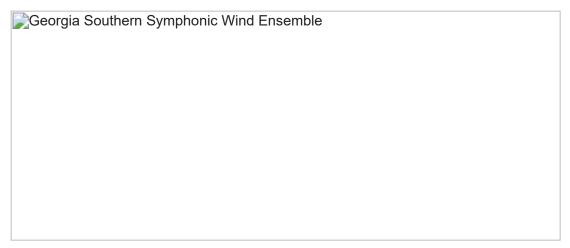
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Symphonic Wind Ensemble Invited To Perform At Conference

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Georgia Southern University's Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at the biennial Joint Southern Division Conference of the College Band Directors National Association and the National Band Association on February 27 – March 1 on the campus of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. The three-day event includes concerts, clinics and meetings for collegiate and public school level band directors and conductors from an 11-state area.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble's audition recording was one of seven selected through a peer review of live concert recordings of 24 collegiate student and faculty ensembles representing the Southern Division of the CBDNA. The NBA also selected six high school bands to perform at the convention between the university band performances.

Georgia Southern's Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, at the University of North Florida in the Lazzara Performance Hall.

"This is the first time that the Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been chosen to perform at a CBDNA conference event, and it is a real honor to be selected from such a large pool of schools who auditioned," said Robert Dunham, D.M.A., conductor of the ensemble. "I'm very, very proud of the musical accomplishments the Symphonic Wind Ensemble has made, and this is a truly excellent opportunity for us to showcase the fine student musicians we have at Georgia Southern. The students in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble are exceedingly passionate about making music and dedicated to giving first class performances, and we are very excited to have the opportunity to share our passion for performance at this prestigious event!"

The College Band Directors National Association is among the main professional organizations that a majority of college band directors and conductors have membership in and includes members from all over the world. The National Band Association is a broader professional organization whose membership also includes public school band directors and conductors.

Over the past 10 years, the CBDNA and NBA have begun to host joint regional conferences that allow collegiate and public school band conductors and their students to better interface with one another and attend clinics and concerts in the same venue over the three-day convention.

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