

Dr. Rikard K. Hansen is Director of Bands at St. Cloud State University, where he guides all aspects of the band program and conducts the Wind Ensemble. Hansen teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in conducting and music history, and has received both the Outstanding Teacher Award and the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award from SCSU.



In addition, he has conducted university and honor bands in Denmark, Norway, Mexico, Japan, Russia and throughout the United States.

Professor Hansen has commissioned and conducted premieres of over thirty original transcribed works for wind band including music of Ian Krouse, Libby Larsen, Giacomo Puccini and Richard Strauss. He has initiated and lead several composer forums fostering new music, foremost the *Renewing the Creative Environment* consortium project. GIA Publications of Chicago released Professor Hansen's book entitled, *The American Wind Band: A Cultural History*. This comprehensive chronicle has been described by leading authorities as "the definitive history of the wind band".



To:

**2006 Great River
Honor Band Festival**

**Hosted by St. Cloud State
University
720 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498**

Great River Honor Band Festival

**March 24th, 2006
(middle level students)**

**March 25th, 2006
(high school students)**





The St. Cloud State University Music Department is proud to host a two-day honor band festival for both middle school and high school level students. Middle school students will be selected to participate by director nomination; senior high school musicians will be chosen by recorded audition. Honor Band participants will have opportunities to:

- have memorable musical experiences with other gifted school and university musicians
- receive specialized instruction in master classes from SCSU Applied Music Faculty
- obtain effective team approaches to rehearsing in full band sectional experiences
- rehearse and perform side-by-side with SCSU Wind Ensemble mentoring members
- hear professional solo artists from SCSU and the United States Air Force Academy Band of the Rockies (select high school seniors will play on stage with the USAFA band)

Directors and students will be engaged in valuable symposiums including:

- Rehearsal Strategy: Conducting Inside Out
- The Art of Programming
- Idea Bank (bring a teaching idea or concert program to share)
- Instrumental Techniques
- Opportunities in Assessment
- Developing Talent & Creativity

Friday, March 24th, 2006

Middle Level Student Schedule

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:30	Rehearsal I
10:30-11:45	Master Classes <i>provided by faculty</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch at Garvey Commons
1:00-3:00	Rehearsal II
3:00-3:45	Concert Preparations
4:00 p.m.	Festival Honor Band Concert

Ritsche Auditorium

Cost: \$30.00 per student (includes lunch & t-shirt)

Saturday, March 25th, 2006

High School Student Schedule

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-10:30	Rehearsal I
10:30-11:30	Master Classes/Sectionals <i>provided by faculty</i>
11:30-12:15	Lunch at Garvey Commons
12:15-1:00	Potpourri Recital—USAFAB
	<i>Ritsche Auditorium</i>
1:15-2:30	Rehearsal II
2:30-3:00	Concert Preparations
3:00 –4:15	Festival Honor Band Concert
4:30-5:15	Jazz I Performance
5:30-6:30	Dinner at Garvey Commons Concert Preparations
7:00-9:00	Concert for Peace
	<i>Ritsche Auditorium</i>

7:00 ~ SCSU Wind Ensemble

7:30 ~ United States Air Force Academy Band
(*with select seniors from Festival Honor Band)

Cost: \$50.00 per student (includes lunch, dinner & t-shirt)

Honor Band Dates to Know

September 15, 2005: Brochures mailed

October 15, 2005: Nomination/audition packets mailed to schools

December 15, 2005: Nominations/audition recordings due back to SCSU

February 1, 2006: Directors notified and student packets/music mailed.

March 1, 2006: Registration/payment information due back to SCSU



SCSU Performing Arts Building

Directors are able to receive a certificate for continuing education hours (a total of 8) at no cost. Graduate credit is also available through SCSU Continuing Education (please contact graduate office for tuition information).

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