



## Wind Ensemble chosen to perform at national bandmaster event

The SCSU Wind Ensemble is one of five bands chosen to perform a concert for the American Bandmasters Association – the most prestigious wind band organization in the profession – in San Luis Obispo, Calif., in March 2007.

SCSU is one of only three Minnesota universities that have been invited to perform for the group in its 80-year history. To survive a rigorous audition process and be selected to perform for the American Band Association is one of the highest honors a university wind band program can achieve, according to Richard Hansen, ensemble director.

“This honor is analogous to our athletic teams making the final four of a national tournament,” Hansen said. During the conference the 50-60 SCSU students in the ensemble will work and perform with such prestigious wind band conductors as Ray Cramer of Tokyo Musashino Academia Musicae, Keith Brion of Yale University and Harlan Parker of Peabody Conservatory. They will also work with such world class wind virtuosos and composers as Jens Lindemann, Mike Klima, Ian Krouse and Justin Freer.

Students and music faculty members will conduct events throughout the school year to raise funds for the ensemble’s trip.