

**The All-Star Brass Bands
25 East Mound Street
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110**

October 2022

Dear All-Star Veterans,

This year we have accepted an invitation to do 4 concerts at the Gettysburg Brass Band Festival June 8-11, 2023! We are the only Youth Band invited to what has grown to be perhaps the best brass band festival in the nation as they have limited the number of invited bands to 18! This has dramatically raised the performance bar and we should be encouraged that they selected us to run with the best! We last did this outstanding event in 2019 and know what to do to up our game!

With that said, it is time for you to nominate yourself for membership in the All-Star Brass Bands and approach those whom you feel will make good members. Make sure they know you have nominated them and direct them to our website! We have had surprised nominees when we call with their audition times! **We have openings in all instrument groups. Nominate all grades and instruments... you know what to do!**

Nomination letters and forms have been sent to about 250 Central Ohio middle school and high school band directors. Please ask your band director to announce the All-Star Brass Bands opportunity during band, and post the enclosed flyer on the bulletin board, and to nominate interested students. You need to act as recruiters for the organization, since you are the only experts on the All-Stars in your school.

Rehearsals and Audition Location:

Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoon at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church (UALC) at Mill Run, 3500 Mill Run Dr., Hilliard, Ohio 43026. Junior-Varsity rehearses from 1:00-3:15pm and ASBP rehearses from 4:00-6:15pm. **Auditions are on Saturday, November 5th, from 9:00am -3:00pm.** If there is a conflict with that audition date, please call to make special arrangements for **Sunday, November 6th**, or a date prior to Sunday, November 13th).

Deadline for nominations is Thursday, October 27th.

Recruiting Scholarships:

Take full advantage of this great tuition reduction opportunity. You get \$50 for every new member you nominate (via the website, preferred) that make the band and become members in good standing.

We encourage you to nominate via the website. It is the fastest and easiest.

Auditions are structured the same as in the past: refer to page 2 of this letter for audition performance requirements if you have forgotten. Enclosed is a nomination form. Use it for anyone you wish to nominate, as well as yourself. Please be sure to refer your nominees to our website for more information at www.allstarbrass.org, or they may call me at the phone number below.

We are anxious to see everyone. Call if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Aho
Founder/Director

**Need something to play for your audition? (Etudes and Scales)
See other side!**

Please take the enclosed flyer to school, and post in your band room.

Cell (614) 562-4189, email info@allstarbrass.org, website www.allstarbrass.org

**The All-Star Brass Bands
25 East Mound Street
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110**

(Ask your director first!)
Photocopy for your nominees

Need Music for Your Audition?

- **Go to our website to select music and scales. (www.allstarbrass.org)**
- **Choose ONE lyrical selection, and ONE technical selection that you think you can play well. Prepare this music to the best of your ability.**
- **You will also find all the required scales with fingerings/slide positions (these scale sheets can be used for OMEA Solo and Ensemble). PLEASE MEMORIZE!**
- **Download, print, and practice to prepare for your audition.**

Detailed Audition Requirements

Brass, Grades 7-9:

Scales- each student is required to perform 2 major scales of their choice from memory. The student must also play a one-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octave. He/she may start on any note.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes, to show lyrical and technical abilities. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are a wise choice. One lyrical and one technical piece are required. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner will be required of all nominees.

Brass, Grades 10-12:

Scales- each student is required to have memorized all major scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps. The auditioner will ask for two of these scales. The student must also play a two-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octaves. He/she may start on any note.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes, to show lyrical and technical abilities. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are a wise choice. One lyrical and one technical piece are required. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner will be required of all nominees.

Percussion, all grades:

Scales- each student is required to have memorized all major scales up to 3 flats and 2 sharps. The auditioner will ask for two of these scales. The student must also play a two-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octaves. He/she may start on any note. Bells, xylophone, or marimba will be provided for this exercise.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are a wise choice. Select music from one keyboard instrument and one percussive instrument. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner will be required of all nominees.

Auditions: Saturday, November 5th, 9:00am - 3:00pm If there is a conflict with the audition day due to State Marching Band Finals, nominees can arrange to audition on either day (or a date prior to Sunday, November 13th).

Upper Arlington Lutheran Church, The Church at Mill Run, 3500 Mill Run Dr., Hilliard, Ohio 43026