



## **Saskatchewan Youth Band**

### **March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on having an accomplished young musician in your family. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to develop their musical abilities.

The Saskatchewan Band Association (SBA) has invited Band Directors from across the province to nominate dedicated and deserving students for the Saskatchewan Youth Band (SYB). The SYB provides a special enrichment experience for hard-working, accomplished band students. The Junior level is for grade 7 & 8 students and the Intermediate level is for Grade 9 & 10 students. Selected students will participate in online sessions with their Band Director and Sectional Clinicians prior to attending focused in-person sessions on March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Regina.

The initial selection for the SYB program is based on Band Director nominations and an audio recorded audition. Your child's band director believes they are ready for this special opportunity and will be submitting a nomination to the SBA. All nominations must include a small audio recorded submission, so you may hear your child doing some extra practice work or they may ask for your help with the recording if necessary. There is no cost for the audition/nomination process.

For your information, auditions (audio only) for all instruments should include the elements below in one recording:

#### **For Grades 7/8:**

1. Concert Bb Major Scale, Quarter Note = 120
2. Concert Bb Major Scale in 3rds & Arpeggio, Quarter Note = 120
3. Their favourite 16-measure tune that shows off their best playing ability
4. For percussionists – 9-stroke roll study & concert Bb Scale, 3rds & Arpeggio on a keyboard, mallet instrument

#### **For Grades 9/10:**

1. Concert Bb Major Scale, Quarter Note = 120
2. One octave chromatic scale, Quarter Note = 120
3. Their favourite 16-measure tune that shows off their best playing ability
4. For percussionists – 9-stroke roll study & concert Bb Scale, 3rds & Arpeggio on a keyboard, mallet instrument

The SYB program committee is looking forward to receiving nominations from across Saskatchewan. Unfortunately, due to demand, space limitations and instrumentation considerations, we may not be able to accept all nominees. **If your child is selected to participate, you will be notified in January.** Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given your child to develop their musical abilities.

**Special Note:** in May 2023 the Saskatchewan Band Association is hosting the National Youth Band of Canada (NYB). **NYB auditions are open to youth 16 – 22 years of age.** Saskatchewan band students 16 years of age and older are strongly encouraged to audition! For NYB audition information, visit: [www.canadianband.org/nybhome](http://www.canadianband.org/nybhome)

## General Information about SYB

<b>When:</b>	In Person: Friday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> - 3:00pm – 8:30pm and Saturday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> - 9:00am – 8:30pm (Public Concert in the evening)
<b>Where:</b>	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School; 2330 – 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan
<b>Format:</b>	Two to three short online Zoom sessions prior to the in-person weekend to connect with their SYB Band Director & Sectional clinicians. During the in-person weekend, students will experience sectionals and full band rehearsals. The weekend will conclude with a public concert on Saturday at 7:00pm.
<b>Cost:</b>	For students selected for the Jr. & Int. Bands there is a \$70 registration fee which includes supper on both Friday and Saturday.
<b>Commitment:</b>	Selected students will be expected to participate in two short Zoom sessions, to practice their music ahead of the in-person weekend and to participate fully on March 17 & 18, 2023.
<b>Selection:</b>	The SYB committee will review the nominations and auditions to ultimately select students from across Saskatchewan to participate in Saskatchewan Youth Bands. The organizers will be striving for a 65 - 75-piece band with balanced instrumentation.
<b>Accommodations:</b>	Families will be responsible for their own accommodations and transportation during the weekend. If participants are interested in being billeted, the SBA will help to connect out-of-town families with band families in Regina who might be able to help. Please note – students <b>will</b> be supervised during all scheduled activities.

Thank you for your support of band music development! We look forward to welcoming many wonderful young musicians as part of the Saskatchewan Youth Bands program.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chad Huel

Saskatchewan Youth Band Coordinator