

**ILLINOIS SUPERSTATE
CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL**

May 3-4, 2024

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

<https://www.bands.illinois.edu/superstate-concert-band-festival>

GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

On behalf of the University of Illinois Bands Faculty and Staff, we would like to extend our most sincere congratulations on your invitation to participate at the 2024 SuperState Concert Band Festival on May 3 and 4, 2024. We have worked diligently to ensure the event will be of the highest caliber educationally and artistically, and we appreciate your continued interest and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us: (217) 333-3025 or email: bands@illinois.edu.

2024 ILLINOIS SUPERSTATE FESTIVAL LOCATION

The Illinois SuperState Festival will be held in the Foellinger Great Hall, at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (KCPA) on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus. The Krannert Center is in Urbana, south of Green Street, on the east side of Goodwin Avenue between Oregon and Illinois Streets. The address is:

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts
500 S. Goodwin Avenue
Urbana, Illinois 61801

ADMISSION TO THE SUPERSTATE PERFORMANCES IN THE GREAT HALL

Admission is free and open to the public for all Illinois SuperState band performances.

PARTICIPATION FEES AND PAYMENT

The participant fee is \$500. This fee is due no later than Friday, April 26, 2024. **No refunds of fees will be made for withdrawal after April 26, 2024.** If you want to pay via credit card, please email Bands@illinois.edu, and we will send you the link. You can also pay by mailing a paper check (make check payable to: "University of Illinois Bands"). Send checks to the below address:

Illinois SuperState Band Festival
c/o Joy McClagherty
Harding Band Building
1103 South Sixth Street
Champaign, IL 61820

*****Please include:*****

- **school name**
- **classification**

*****on the check*****

REPERTOIRE AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

A link to the form to collect program and repertoire information will be included in the acceptance letter bands receive. It is important you return it by the deadline—**Monday, April 8**—in order for your information to be in the SuperState program. You can also find the link at:

<https://www.bands.illinois.edu/superstate-concert-band-festival>

NOTE: Please be aware that **total PERFORMANCE** time is **20 minutes** as you plan your program. Programs should not exceed 15-16 minutes of music.

PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT NEEDS/SEATING CHART: A link to this chart is posted on the SuperState home webpage (see above). Please complete percussion needs form and return with your seating chart utilizing the same upload widget on the SuperState home webpage used for uploading your recordings by **Monday, April 8**. Use “X” for chairs, “0” for stands (only needed for shared stands), and notate your basic percussion set-up. <<< We have included sample seating charts as suggestions >>> If you use piano or electronic equipment, the electrical extension will be ON YOUR LEFT as you face your band (“stage right”). Note: the piano must STAY in the “stage right” area. **No exceptions.**

EQUIPMENT FURNISHED BY ILLINOIS BANDS/KRANNERT (Performance Hall Only)

Five (5) timpani with stool (standard sizes)	One (1) stool for string bass and one (1) stool for contrabass clarinet
One (1) bass drum	Two (2) set of chimes
One (1) vibraphone	Two (2) marimbas (1 five-octave and 1 four-octave)
One (1) xylophone	One (1) celesta
One (1) set of orchestra bells	Two (2) gongs (one medium and one large)
One grand piano (this will be on “stage right”—to YOUR left when you are <u>facing</u> your ensemble)	

*Bands must furnish all other percussion equipment, including ALL mallets and sticks. Please mark your equipment, especially gong and bass drum mallets, with your school name.

TO BRING WITH YOU: EVALUATOR MUSIC SCORES

Each performing band must provide four (4) original music scores for each selection performed. The measures in each score should be numbered. Music scores should be delivered to our SuperState Administrator inside Krannert’s Illinois Street Loading Dock Stage Entrance upon arrival. They will be returned to you following the awards ceremony. Mark your scores with your school's name for easy identification. **Note: Score copying without composer/publisher permission is not allowed. If you bring photocopies of scores, you must have written permission from either the composer or publisher attached to each score(s).**

DO I REALLY NEED FOUR SETS OF SCORES?

Yes, four of them...please number your measures for the Evaluators, and put your school name on them.

PARKING AND UNLOADING—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Buses must unload at the Stage Entrance Ramp of Krannert on Illinois Street. **PLEASE LEAVE ALL INSTRUMENT CASES AND ADDITIONAL PERSONAL BELONGINGS ON THE BUSES.**

Bus parking is available in Lot B-22 (southeast corner of University Avenue and Goodwin Avenue in Urbana) on Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4. Before 5:00pm Friday, buses **MAY NOT PARK ON THE STREETS NEAR THE KRANNERT CENTER** unless you have permission from the city of Urbana to do so. A bus parking pass is available for download on the SuperState webpage:

<https://www.bands.illinois.edu/superstate-concert-band-festival>

Automobiles may be parked in the Krannert Center (underground parking lot), **free of charge**, beginning at 5:00pm on Friday and all day Saturday (except in rented spaces and bagged meters). **PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO WILL BE DRIVING TO THE EVENT.** THIS LOT WILL BE PATROLLED UNTIL 5:00pm ON FRIDAY AND TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED! ALL STREET METERS NEAR THE KRANNERT CENTER MUST BE OBSERVED ON SATURDAY. READ THE METERS FOR PARKING TIMES. **For convenience, visitors may sign up for the MobileMeter cellphone app to pay Urbana meters by phone (available from iPhone App Store, Android Google Play, <http://www.mobilemeter.us>).**

BAND CHECK-IN PROCEDURES AND BAND ROUTING ASSISTANCE

Participating directors must check in at the **Illinois Street Loading Dock** (access from Stage Entrance Ramp) for instructions and warm-up assistance. Your Band Guide will take you through the entire SuperState experience. Many of our Band Guides are graduates of the visiting schools and have performed in the Illinois SuperState Festival. We appreciate their assistance with the festival. Your parents and guests (outside of those helping to carry/move equipment) need to enter the Krannert Center using the main entrance doors to the building.

BAND HELPER CHAPERONES: We are no longer providing schools with badges for backstage access for band parents and other adults helping with instruments. You are still allowed up to 10 adults outside of students to help carry items for your band's performance, and these people will be allowed to help with your percussion set-up. However, we ask that you **please** instruct your helpers that **THERE IS TO BE NO LINGERING ON STAGE OR BACKSTAGE. Immediately upon finishing set-up, they are required** to move from the stage to the audience seating via the stage right stairs (next to the announcer podium). Once your band has performed, they can come back up those same stairs to **quickly** retrieve percussion, synthesizer, harp instruments, etc.

CHANGING ROOMS?

We will have two single dressing rooms **for directors only**, to share during the day. They are located in the hallway which leads to the entrance to the backstage area. Unfortunately, we don't have large rooms set aside for changing areas for students; however, we do have men's and women's multi-stall restrooms near your warm-up room that can be used for student dressing rooms.

HOME ROOM/CASE STORAGE?

There is none. **Please keep all cases and personal belongings on the buses.**

WARM-UP ROOMS — Orchestra (ORR) and Choral (CRR) Rehearsal Rooms (2310 and 2317) — LEVEL 2

Again, the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts is unable to provide homeroom space for visiting bands, so each school should plan to **leave cases and other belongings on your buses**. We request your cooperation in observing the scheduled times, and moving quickly in and out, so each band may have adequate time for warm-up and performance. We also request your cooperation in caring for the equipment in the rooms. Bands will enter the building at the designated time, which is **50 minutes before your performance**. **The first band of the day, and those immediately after lunch and dinner have the option of warming up on stage.**

We will have enough chairs and stands for your band in the warm-up room. In most cases, there will be more chairs/stands than what you need. We ask that you sit within the set as comfortably as you can. We will NOT have percussion instruments in the warm-up room.

HOW MUCH WARM-UP TIME DO WE HAVE? [NOTE: WARM-UP TIMES HAVE CHANGED]

You will have approximately **30 minutes** in the warm-up room. We are using two rooms for the event. You will enter KCPA (Krannert Center for the Performing Arts) via the loading dock approximately **50 minutes** before your performance in Foellinger Great Hall. Percussionists will leave the warm-up room **10 minutes** before your performance time, the rest of the band will leave **5 minutes** before your performance time. Please be lined up and ready to go at the five (5) minute mark. Our schedule is VERY tight.

CAN OUR BAND WARM UP ON STAGE?

Only the first band of the day, plus the bands immediately after the lunch and dinner breaks bands are given the option to warm up on stage.

YOUR CONCERT PERFORMANCE

Bands will enter from “stage right.” Please seat your bands quickly. After that, you may play a **BRIEF** note/sound check. We will then announce your musical selections to begin your performance. Once you begin, please move quickly between selections. You do **not** need to look to Evaluators for approval to begin. **You have 20 minutes of total performance time—from first to last note and any time in between.**

After you perform, we will take a picture of you and your ensemble. **BANDS HAVE 30 MINUTES TO ENTER THE STAGE, GET SETTLED, PERFORM, TAKE A PICTURE, AND EXIT.** Please allow us to stay on time. Directors should be on stage with their bands for introductions. Violating the 30-minute stage rule may jeopardize future eligibility in the Illinois SuperState Festival. We appreciate your understanding and support!

AFTER YOU PERFORM

You will exit the stage through the stage left doors (the students’ left). You have two options once you’re finished on stage: (1) You can proceed immediately into the audience seating area (lower level) to listen to the next performance(s) with your instruments, or (2) you can be escorted back to the loading dock door to gain access to your buses to put instruments away and depart, or come back in. If option (2), you need to set a time to have your buses meet you on Illinois Street. If you come back in, we will escort you back inside to the main floor audience seating area. Once inside the audience seating area, you will now exit the building via the regular public doors...NOT back through the backstage area corridors you used to enter the building.

DIRECTOR HOSPITALITY BAG

All directors will receive complimentary hospitality bags at the awards ceremony, which will also include scores and adjudicator comments.

DIRECTORS’ HELP CENTER (LOADING DOCK AREA - LEVEL 2)

If you have any questions or issues, see our SuperState Administrators at the Dock Loading Area—this is where you first enter the building for warm-up.

AWARDS CEREMONY

All bands will receive a 2024 Illinois Concert Band Festival commemorative plaque in honor of their selection to the festival. In recognition of the more outstanding performances from each classification at the Illinois SuperState Festival, one Honor Band per class will be selected to perform at next year’s festival. The Honor Band from each class will be selected by a consensus of the Illinois SuperState Evaluators.

At the appropriate time, all directors will be asked to gather at the front of the stage for the Awards Ceremony. Performance recognition plaques will be presented:

Friday, May 3

TBD Junior High/Middle School
TBD High School Class 1A

Saturday, May 4

TBD High School Class 2A
TBD High School Class 3A

EVALUATOR COMMENTS

Evaluator comment sheets will be included in the final packet, with scores, and distributed to all directors on the Great Hall Stage following the awards ceremony. All recorded comments and performance recordings will be uploaded to Illinois Box and the link will be emailed to you. Materials will be mailed to bands absent from the awards ceremony. No scores or rankings are assigned to any of the bands.

RECORDINGS

A performance recording will be uploaded to Box for your educational use. This recording is to be used for educational purposes only, and is not to be duplicated for any purpose. The University of Illinois will not be responsible for any unauthorized use of this recording. In addition, commentary from our conductor evaluator will also be placed in your Box folder (where your previous recordings were uploaded).

PUBLIC VIDEO RECORDING

Audio/Visual Recordings are **NOT** allowed by anyone outside of our staff inside the Great Hall. This is a Krannert Center policy. **Please share this with your Band parents.** We will be webcasting the event via the Illinois Bands Facebook page. The link will be posted on the Bands' homepage: <https://bands.illinois.edu>.

LUNCH

No outside food deliveries into the Krannert Center are permitted. Food will be available at the Krannert Center's Intermezzo Café. Lunch and snacks may also be purchased at the Illini Union or other community food establishments in the vicinity. Food and beverages are never allowed inside the Foellinger Great Hall.

HOUSING

Champaign-Urbana offers a multitude of lodging options. Please visit the Champaign County Visitors' Bureau to find out more about lodging, restaurants, and other local attractions: <http://go.illinois.edu/CU-lodging>.

LOST AND FOUND

The University of Illinois is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles. Any articles found should be taken to our check-in table at the Loading Dock area. Owners with proper identification may secure articles that have been lost.

FIRST AID

In the event of an emergency, first aid will be available at the following hospitals: Carle Foundation Hospital, 611 W. Park, Urbana, or OSF Medical Center, 1400 W. Park, Urbana. Medical release forms are the responsibility of each band.

FINAL CHECKLIST DEADLINE

- April 8, 2024** Seating Chart/Percussion Needs uploaded at the Superstate homepage:
<https://bands.illinois.edu/superstate-concert-band-festival>
- April 8, 2024** Repertoire Information form completed:
<https://go.illinois.edu/SuperState-Program-Form>
- April 26, 2024** Performance Payment due

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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