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RESORT IS DEFINING THE WAY
AMERICA ACKNOWLEDGES
AND REWARDS OUTSTANDING
MUSICIANSHIP WITH A
PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY
THAT IS SECOND TO NONE.

WELCOME TO
THE DISNEY HONORS,
A NON-COMPETITIVE MUSIC
FESTIVAL PRESENTING THE
NATION'S FOREMOST HIGH
SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL AND
CHORAL ENSEMBLES.





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THE DISNEY HONORS
AS THE PREEMINENT MUSIC
FESTIVAL...AND IT'S ALL
IN A NAME. WITH WORLD-CLASS
DISNEY RESORT
ACCOMMODATIONS AND
GUEST SERVICE, EXCELLENT
PERFORMANCE VENUES,
CREDIBLE EDUCATION
OFFERINGS AND MAGICAL
SPECIAL EVENTS,
THE DIFFERENCE IS
DISTINCTLY **DISNEY**.

NOTHING DEFINES A DISNEY
AFFAIR MORE THAN
THE DISNEY HONORS
CELEBRATION GALA. IT IS
A CROWNING EVENT PAYING
TRIBUTE TO ALL OF THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE
FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS.
EACH ENSEMBLE IS RECOGNIZED
AND PRESENTED WITH
THE DISNEY HONORS AWARD
DURING THIS GALA EVENT.

FOR INFORMATION,
CALL TOLL-FREE

1-888-833-4735 OR VISIT

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When is The Disney Honors?

The Disney Honors National Concert Band and Orchestra Invitational and The National Choral Invitational are prestigious musical experiences that take place over two separate weekends each spring.

Who can participate?

High School ensembles eligible to participate include:

- Concert Bands, Symphonic Bands, and Wind Ensembles
- Full Orchestras, String Orchestras, and Chamber Orchestras
- Mixed Chorus, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Chamber Choirs, and Vocal Ensembles

How do you apply?

To participate, ensembles qualify by submitting a completed application, recording of their ensemble, application fee and three nominations from music educators and leaders familiar with the program. A select panel will review material. If selected, each ensemble will receive an official invitation.

A World of Higher Learning

The Disney Honors is one of the premier educational opportunities available for talented musicians. Each performance will be held before a distinguished panel of nationally selected evaluators.

PAST EVALUATORS HAVE INCLUDED:

Weston Noble, Luther College, Choral; **H. Robert Reynolds**, University of Southern California, Instrumental; **John Sinclair**, Rollins College, Choral; **Eugene Corporon**, University of North Texas, Instrumental; **Jerry Blackstone**, University of Michigan, Choral; **Larry Wyatt**, University of South Carolina, Choral; **Richard Floyd**, University of Texas, Instrumental; and **Colonel Arnald Gabriel**, United States Air Force Retired, Instrumental.



Usually, the classroom music teacher is the cheerleader, pianist, director, counselor, disciplinarian, reinforcer, advocate, parent, bus driver, drama coach, stage manager, sound technician, arranger and composer. But for one short weekend, I was reminded why I am here and why I do this every day. Thank you for a wonderful experience!

— *Cindy Hunt*, Choral Director, Westchester Academy

The Disney Honors masterfully combines elements of a distinctive multi-faceted music festival with a broad array of matchless educational opportunities that only “Disney Magic” can provide. Guided by the seemingly limitless vision and imagination of Disney and featured nationally recognized conductors and educators as clinicians this event is destined to attract the very finest in high school performing ensembles from across the nation.

— *Richard Floyd*, State Director of Music, Interscholastic League, University of Texas (Evaluator at *The Disney Honors 2005*)



PERFORMANCE, EVALUATION AND CLINIC

Performances are the centerpiece of *The Disney Honors*. Each ensemble has a warm up, performance and post performance feedback clinic. A panel of nationally recognized evaluators provides non-ranked, written and recorded comments for each ensemble. Directors are encouraged to select and perform traditional repertoire that best represents their ensemble’s musical capabilities. At *The Disney Honors*, all participating ensembles are winners.

WELCOME BREAKFAST AND ORIENTATION

All participants attend a special Welcome Breakfast that includes a festival orientation, group and staff introductions, and feature Disney Entertainment.

“A CONVERSATION WITH...” SPEAKER SERIES

Special one-hour presentations are conducted by distinguished music educators and industry leaders focusing on artistic achievement, successful career skills, and the tools for performance excellence. For ease of students’ access, this event takes place at selected times in private venues within the Disney Theme Parks. Instruments are not necessary.

EXCLUSIVE WALT DISNEY WORLD® PARTY

Share a special evening with new friends from high schools across the country. This after-hours event takes place in a private location at a Disney Theme Park and includes dinner, dancing, and lots of fun.

THE DISNEY HONORS CELEBRATION GALA

This semi-formal gala event salutes and celebrates the accomplishments of the festival participants. Each ensemble is recognized and presented with *The Disney Honors Award*. Featured speakers and signature Disney entertainment ensures a truly memorable event finale.

THEME PARK EXCITEMENT

Surrounding their amazing musical experience, ensembles will also have the opportunity to make memories with their peers in the world famous Disney Theme Parks with tickets included in the package.



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The only national invitational music festival endorsed by MENC: The National Association for Music Education.



National Choral, Concert Band and Orchestra Invitational March 7 – 10, 2008

2008 Festival Package Information

The Disney Honors National Choral, Concert Band and Orchestra Invitational will present premier high school ensembles from throughout the country, together during one educational weekend at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort in Florida. In a non-competitive, non-ranked, and uniquely supportive environment, *The Disney Honors* provides an unparalleled performance and educational experience for all participants.

PACKAGE COMPONENTS

- *The Disney Honors* Park Hopper® Pass
 - Multi-day admission to Disney Theme Parks with the opportunity to visit multiple Parks on the same day.
- 30-minute evaluated performance opportunity (non-ranked) with written and recorded comments
- 30-minute Post Performance Educational Clinic conducted by a distinguished music educator
- One exclusive party at a *Walt Disney World*® Theme Park
- One 60-minute "A Conversation With" presentation
- Attendance at *The Disney Honors* Celebration Gala
- *The Disney Honors* Award for all participating ensembles
- One group photograph for director
- Two Director's packages included per school

Please Note: Group transportation and accommodations are not included in *The Disney Honors* packages. All travel arrangements are the responsibility of the participating ensemble.

PACKAGES AVAILABLE

Park Hopper® Festival Packages include 3-, 4- or 5-Day admission to Disney Theme Parks with the opportunity to visit multiple parks on the same day.

PREMIUM Festival Packages include the *Park Hopper*® feature listed above plus the Water Park Fun and More feature for the ultimate in flexibility. In addition to the Disney Theme Parks, the 3-Day PREMIUM Package also includes two additional visits to *Disney's Blizzard Beach* Water Park, *Disney's Typhoon Lagoon* Water Park or DisneyQuest® Indoor Interactive Theme Park. The 4- and 5-Day PREMIUM Packages include 4 visits to the Disney Water Parks and DisneyQuest®.



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officially endorses *The Disney Honors*.



Ludwig/Musser Percussion and Glaesel String Instruments
from Conn Selmer Inc., the Official Instruments of *The Disney Honors*.



RESORT ACCOMMODATIONS

While resort accommodations are not included in the festival packages, we invite you to stay in the middle of the magic at one of our *Walt Disney World*[®] Resorts. Please contact your Student Travel Planner for more information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Application Review Dates:

- **Early Review** – June 15, 2007
- **Primary Review** - September 15, 2007
- **Winter Review** - December 15, 2007 (*if space permits*)

High School ensembles eligible to participate include:

- Concert Bands, Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles
- Full Orchestras, String Orchestras, and Chamber Orchestras
- Mixed Choirs, Women's Chorus, Men's Chorus, Chamber Choirs, and Vocal Ensembles

To participate, ensembles qualify by submitting a completed application, recording of their ensemble, \$100 non-refundable application fee and three nominations from music educators and leaders familiar with the program. A select panel will review all materials. If selected, each ensemble will receive an official invitation. Please see Application Form for additional details.

PREVIOUS COMPOSERS/ARRANGERS PERFORMED

Below is a sampling of some of the Composers and Arrangers performed at *The Disney Honors*.

Choral:

Luigi Cherubini, Verena Schweizer, Thomas Morley, W.A. Mozart, Thomas DeWald, Audrey Snyder, J.S. Bach, Aaron Copland, Randall Thompson, Joseph Flummerfelt, Orazio Vecchi, Benjamin Britten, Pierre Passereau, Jaques Offenbach, Luis da Vittoria, Gary Kent Waith, Eric Whitacre, David C. Dickau, Moses Hogan, Gioachino Rossini, Leonard Bernstein

Instrumental:

David Holsinger, Frank Ticheli, James Swearingen, Brian Balmages, Morton Gould, Howard Hanson, Vaclav Nelhybel, Robert Jager, Johan de Meij, Franz Von Suppe, John Phillip Sousa, David Gillingham, Dmitri Shostakovich, Ralph Vaughn-Williams



THE DISNEY HONORS Disney Youth Group Programs

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Application

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THE DISNEY HONORS EXPERIENCE

The Disney Honors presents premier high school concert bands, orchestras and choral ensembles from throughout the country at the *Walt Disney World*® Resort in Florida. In a non-competitive, non-ranked, and supportive environment, *The Disney Honors* provides an unparalleled performance and educational experience for all participants.

Participating ensembles are nominated by music educators and selected through an application and audition process. Students experience a performance opportunity and a feedback session conducted by a distinguished panel of nationally recognized music educators. Ensembles take part in educational presentations and seminars, attend other ensemble performances and special events, all in a stimulating environment which promotes personal growth and musical achievement.

ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible High School Ensembles:

Concert Bands, Symphonic Bands and Wind Ensembles

Full Orchestras, String Orchestras and Chamber Orchestras

Mixed Choirs, Women's Choirs, Men's Chorus, Chamber Choirs, and Vocal Ensembles

APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominations

Directors must request a nomination from three (3) tenured music educators or school/district administrators who have had direct contact with the Director, the applicant ensemble and the music program. Directors provide the nominator with the Ensemble Nomination Form and the deadline for submission. Nominators submit the form directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Please confirm that your nominators are able to submit this form on or before the deadline.

Application Form

Directors complete and submit one application per ensemble. (*Copy a blank application for additional ensembles.*)

Audition Audio & Video Recordings

Directors submit a twenty-minute audio CD/Audio Tape and a video recording of each applicant ensemble performing three selections of contrasting style which best presents the ensemble's artistic capabilities. The recording must have been recorded in the past school year with the applicant Director conducting. Please indicate whether any recorded selections will also be performed at the Festival. Please take the necessary time to carefully prepare and review your recording prior to submission. Recordings must be labeled with ensemble and school name, Director's name, date of recording, musical selections and timing.

Ensemble Photograph

Directors submit a 5" x 7" or larger non-returnable, color photograph of the ensemble in uniform. Please label the back of the photo with ensemble and school name, city and state and photo date.

Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$100.00 is required for each applicant ensemble and must be sent with the application. Checks are made payable to *Walt Disney Parks & Resorts*.

Submission

Directors submit the application form, audition recordings, ensemble photograph and application fee directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Space is limited, therefore, not all qualifying ensembles will receive an invitation. Early application is strongly encouraged. Please mail materials to the address provided on the application.

SELECTION PROCESS

A Festival panel reviews all submitted materials in order of their postmark. Ensembles will be selected on the merit of their recordings, submitted nominations and application materials. Selected groups will receive an official invitation to attend *The Disney Honors*.

Directors with selected ensembles are contacted by a *Disney Honors* Manager to assist with festival information, planning and to initiate performance scheduling.

Participating ensembles will receive a Festival Handbook with detailed event information and required forms.

The Disney Honors Ensemble Application Form

Please complete, review and return this application form, audition recordings, ensemble photograph and the \$100 application fee to *The Disney Honors* office. Applications will be reviewed once all components have been received.

1. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Applying for:

National Concert Band & Orchestra Invitational National Choral Invitational

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NAME

ENSEMBLE'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

SCHOOL FAX NUMBER

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DIRECTOR'S NAME

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE PHONE

DIRECTOR'S HOME PHONE

DIRECTOR'S EMAIL *(Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)*

NUMBER OF YEARS TEACHING AT THIS SCHOOL AND DIRECTOR'S EDUCATIONAL AND TEACHING HISTORY *(Attachments are welcome)*

MENC MEMBER? YES NO

2. MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

Type of Ensemble Applying: Band Orchestra Chorus # of students last school year:

Provide a brief overview of your music program and attach a sample program and/or copy of a festival rating from the past two years.

of students anticipated to perform at festival:

Rehearsal time each week: # of students studying privately: Total school enrollment:

3. TRAVEL PLANNER COMPANY INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Bob Rogers Travel

Tami Chinnici

COMPANY NAME

TRAVEL PLANNER CONTACT

6808 Hobson Valley Drive, Unit 110

Woodridge

IL

60517

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CITY

STATE

ZIP

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(630) 824-4349

tamibr@ameritech.net

PHONE #

FAX #

EMAIL *(Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)*

www.bobrogerstravel.com

4. NOMINATORS

Please provide the names of three tenured music educators or school/district administrators who have agreed to submit a nomination form for your ensemble. Each nominator must complete and forward the Ensemble Nomination Form directly to *The Disney Honors* office.

1. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER
2. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER
3. _____	_____	_____
	TITLE	CONTACT NUMBER

5. AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Directors are strongly encouraged to carefully plan and prepare their ensemble audition recording. The recording may be specially recorded or taken from a concert that took place in the past school year.

A. Recording Date: ____/____/____ Recording Location: _____

B. Recorded Selections:

_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER
_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER
_____	_____	_____
TITLE	COMPOSER	ARRANGER

6. DIRECTOR'S & SCHOOL OFFICIAL'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This application is submitted with the knowledge and approval of the school and/or district administrators.

_____	____/____/____
ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR	DATE
_____	____/____/____
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR	DATE

Please send your completed application and required materials to:



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Disney Destinations, LLC
Post Office Box 10111, Lake Buena Vista FL 32830
Courier Delivery (e.g. Fed Ex, UPS)
220 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747
866-752-0429

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ENSEMBLE NOMINATION FORM

Please complete the following information and send directly to *The Disney Honors* office. Additional information may be attached.

1. APPLICANT ENSEMBLE

ORGANIZATION NAME	DIRECTOR'S NAME	
ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PHONE	FAX	

2. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

NAME	TITLE	
ADDRESS	ORGANIZATION	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PHONE	FAX	EMAIL (Permission granted to follow-up with electronic correspondence)

3. QUALIFICATIONS

How long have you known the Director and this organization?

Have you conducted or worked with the applicant ensemble?

Special performances or recognition ensemble or director have received.

Please indicate primary justification for the ensemble's nomination to *The Disney Honors*.

Please rate the level of your recommendation for this ensemble. (Please circle one.)

- A. I Recommend without reservation
- B. I Recommend this ensemble
- C. I am not able to recommend this ensemble

SIGNATURE _____ DATE / /

Please forward this form to *The Disney Honors* office via fax (407-566-7688) or mail

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