

February 13, 2012

Dear Teaching Colleagues,

First and foremost, thank you for your dedication to music and especially to your teaching during these trying times. We feel the influence and inspiration that you impart to your students when we see and hear them on campus for one of our festivals or as members of the UWM Youth MUSIC Ensembles program (UWAY & UJAY). Without you, they would not be prepared for nor motivated toward such enriching activities. Thank you for your partnership with us, and for your ongoing support by referring students to our programs. Enclosed is a poster that we hope you will post and information that we hope you will share with your students. If you wish to have additional copies of the poster, please let us know.

We invite you to share a very special concert on Friday, May 11, 2012 (7:30pm). The concert will celebrate the 30th season of the UWM Youth Wind Ensembles (UWAY) program, and the 20th season of the UWM Youth Jazz Ensembles program (UJAY). The concert will be a rare collaboration of all of the different components of the UWAY and UJAY programs, highlight Prof. Curt Hanrahan as the UJAY director and guest soloist with UWAY 1, and it will feature the premiere of a new wind band work by John Mackey. Mackey's new composition will be a result of a UWAY-lead consortium of six high school band programs. Proceeds from the concert and post-concert reception will go to support UWM music scholarships through the Thomas L. Dvorak Music Scholarship Fund. Please join us for this exciting occasion and worthy cause! (FYI, the UWM Wind Ensemble & Symphony Band concert on Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. will also feature Mr. Mackey's music. You may contact the UWM Box Office, 414-229-4308 for ticket packages and other details!)

The UWAY/UJAY Spring Auditions and 2012-2013 concert dates have been announced, and the full details are found on our website: arts.uwm.edu/youthmusic. Please see the enclosed Nomination & Student Audition Request Form to recommend your best students to the UWAY and/or UJAY programs. You may duplicate this form as many times as necessary, or download the PDF version from the UWAY website (see above). If this method is not convenient for you, please contact Scott Corley; we will work with you to make the nomination process as easy as possible! While the general nomination period is said to close on March 12, we can continue to take your student recommendations at any time.

We wish to thank the Milwaukee-area band directors at who have offered their band rooms as satellite locations for some of our UWAY auditions. Any student from any school is welcomed to sign-up for these additional locations. Further, we want you to know that John Climer and/or Scott Corley are willing to come to any school where there are at least 6 students prepared to audition for UWAY. Just give us a call or drop us an e-mail to set up an individual time for us to visit your school, and for your students to be heard and considered for UWAY!

Thanks again for your dedication and support. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you this Spring!

Very sincerely,

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UWM **YOUTH** MUSIC ENSEMBLES

**Youth Wind Ensembles
(UWAY) & Youth
Chamber Winds**
Scott Corley, Music Director



**Youth Jazz
Ensembles (UJAY)**
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