HWAA Competition

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Dear Performers, Instructors, and Music Lovers,

Welcome to Elkhorn High School for the final HWAA show before finals of 2018! We are incredibly excited to have the opportunity to host this event, and look forward to sharing a wonderful day of indoor marching arts with all of you!

Please make sure that you go the correct school- **this event is being held at Elkhorn High School, which is NORTH of Dodge, at 1401 Veterans Drive. Often times we have people who accidently go to Elkhorn South.**

Our performer and audience entries are on opposite sides of the building. Audiences will come to the main entry on the South side of the school. Please make sure to ask your guard members to come around to the "back" side when they arrive, as we will have all packets, stampers, guides, etc. waiting for you there!

Please note that we are using a vertical time line for colorguard, and a horizontal line for percussion and winds, and that the performance entrances and exits are different for the two types of groups. Please make sure you look at the correct map.

One additional flow issue for drumlines- please note that our gyms at EHS are "sunken". The performance floor is at the basement level compared to the rest of the school. For this reason, it is not possible to access the gym floors with wheeled equipment from other levels of the school. Therefore, all percussion warmups will be in the auxiliary gym, and the "A" and "B" areas will not be separated. The schedule has been created to allow time for each percussion/winds group to warm up individually, and not have to worry about sound bleedthrough from the next or previous group. Percussion units may park their trucks and trailers on the sides of the road north of the School, and can remain there. Groups will be allowed to unload early if desired, but will not be allowed into the gym area for warmup/final setup until 15 minutes prior to stated warmup times. There is open green space outside of the gym, and if weather cooperates, drumlines are welcome to warm up out there.

The students, parents, and staff of the Elkhorn High School Instrumental Music program are honored to host all of the performing groups this weekend, and look forward to making this show successful for all involved, including the audience here to perform the vital role of cheering on each unit! If there is anything we can do to make your experience even better, please don't hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Matthew Rom

DIRECTIONS

- Elkhorn High School is located at 1401 Veterans Drive, Elkhorn, Nebraska. From West Dodge Road, go North on 204th Street for approximately 3 blocks, then turn right onto Veterans Drive. Follow that road around the corner, and watch for signage regarding which parking lot to turn into.

MAPS

- Please find the following maps to assist you throughout the day:
  - **Interior maps (2 floors) of Elkhorn High School, with home rooms, entrances, and performance spaces labeled**
  - **Exterior Map of Elkhorn High School with loading zones and parking labeled**
  - **Gym Layout of Elkhorn High School with relevant lines labeled- separate maps for percussion and guard units!**

PARKING

- Bus Parking:
  - **Enter from the North side of the school. Drop off students at the North West corner entrance, and park in the Far North parking lot. Exit the same way you came in.**
- Equipment Truck Parking:
  - **Small trucks can park in the lot North of the school (labeled "performer parking" on the map). Trailers will parallel park along the north side of the road near the unloading spot.**
- Spectator Parking: **Spectators will park in the main student lot South of the school.**

UNIT CHECK-IN

- **All Performers should enter from the Northwest corner of the school, near the tennis courts. Units will be guided to their homeroom areas from this point. Unit check-in will happen at the performer entrance doors.**
- At the check-in table, passes for participants and 7 staff/volunteers will be provided. If you have late arriving staff members, leave their names with check-in staff at the time of check-in.
- If you have more than 7 staff/volunteers, admission will need to be purchased to enter the performance gym, even if they are assisting you with the performance.
- Please remind your parents that video recording from the stands is NOT ALLOWED.

EQUIPMENT DROP OFF

- **PERCUSSION - units will unload on the North side of the gyms. Once your trailer/truck is unloaded, all instruments should be wheeled/carried into the warm-up gym. Trucks and trailers may remain on the street as long as they do not block the sidewalks to the gym, or traffic flow for other units.**
- **Colorguards can drop off tarps and props near the percussion unloading stations and bring them into the doors on the WEST side of the gym.**
- Once items are dropped off, trucks will be directed to the designated equipment truck parking area. This is not a check-in area. Students/parents unloading equipment will still need to go with their units to get show passes.
- All guard equipment is to be stored in the homeroom area.
- **There is a small room where tarps/props will be stored right next to the performance space. Please alert the contest director in advance if you have any large props that might require additional storage considerations.**

HOMEROOMS/TEAM AREAS

- All belongings may be stored in your designated homeroom hallway area. We will have volunteers circulating to monitor the homeroom locations, but please note that they are not secured.
- Every area, except for the warm-up area, is a "No Spinning" and "No Playing" Zone.
- **Costume changes may happen in any restroom**
- **All restrooms throughout the school will be open and available.**

WARM-UP AREA

- Units have been assigned a Warm-up Area. Groups may use the time as they see fit.
- Percussion Units are NOT permitted to march in warm-up.

- Warm-up area supervisors will alert units when there are five minutes and one minute remaining.
- Units must leave on time to allow for transit to the on-deck area, as well as to allow the unit after them the full amount of warm-up time.

PERFORMANCE AREA

- This show will use a **Horizontal** time line for percussion.
- This show will use a **Vertical** time line for guard.
- Units will wait to perform in the designated "on-deck" areas at the designated time.
- **Percussion will enter on the North East corner of the gym, and exit from the North West Corner. Guard units will enter from the North West corner of the gym, and exit from the South East corner.**
- Units will be allowed to re-fold their tarps in the gym during the break between the guard and percussion portions of the show only.
- Music checks are recommended for guards.
- Music checks must be done prior to the start of the show or during the class breaks.
- **Host site will accommodate ipods/ipads/mp3 players with a standard stereo input. We will have a laptop to play cd's. If you would like to email a file of your show music ahead of time, we would be happy to put in on a playlist for your convenience.**
- **The host site will NOT have a dongle for iphone 7's. Please bring your own if you anticipate needing to play your music from that particular device.**
- **The competition floor will have an extension cord bringing power to the front-center of the floor.**

SPECTATOR ENTRANCE

- **Spectators will enter the school through the main doors on the South side of the school.**
- As set by HWAA Contest Rules admission prices are $8 for adults and $5 for students. Children under 5 years old are free.
    - **All spectator seating is straight through the commons, on the West side of the Gym.**
- **Participants may enter the gym on the east side, located just down the hall on the North East corner of the commons.**
    - **In case of overflow seating from the main spectator stands, participants will be asked to sit in temporary seating on the mezzanine on the East side of the gym.**
- All spectators must receive a spectator **wristband** to gain entrance to the performance area.

CONCESSIONS

- **A full concession stand with lite lunch, dinner, and snack options will be available throughout the day, opening 30 minutes before the first performance and running until the completion of the competition.**

SHOUT OUTS

- **Shout outs will be available for $2.00, and will be located near the spectator entrance to the gym.**

MERCHANDISE

- **The HWAA merchandise table will be located in the rear of the commons near the auditorium.**

JUDGES CRITIQUE

- This is an adjudicated show. Judges' critique will follow the end of the guard and percussion portions. Directors and staff are encouraged to take this opportunity to review the performance with the judges in location of critique. Critique will take place in the EHS band room.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- In accordance with HWAA Membership and Contest Rules, Section VII.F
    - Section 1: Flash photography is strictly prohibited during the performance, as it is distracting to the performers and may cause injury. Photography without the use of flash permitted
    - The video recording policy shall apply to all video recorders, camcorders, digital cameras, cell phones, iPads, tablets, and other devices with video and audio capability
- **Guides will meet each unit at their homeroom area 25 minutes prior to their scheduled warmup/unload time for the competition**
- **We ask that all food and drink be confined to the commons/balcony area, and NOT brought to home room areas.**
- **All Elkhorn grounds are tobacco free, both inside and outside of buildings.**