

RMC READIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONAL HONORS CONCERT

STUDENTS HAVE UNTIL NOV. 1 TO APPLY FOR FEB. 21, 2009
CONCERT

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BILLINGS – As many as 150 - 200 high school music students from across Montana are expected to arrive at Rocky Mountain College in February 2009 for the first RMC High School Invitational Honors Concert.

Organized by Jesse Murphy, an RMC 2008 summa cum laude graduate who was hired to be the college's fine arts ambassador, "this new program will afford gifted high school musicians an opportunity to perform in a collegiate-level ensemble."

Murphy said applications are being accepted until Nov. 1, 2008 for the concert, which will be performed Feb. 21, 2009.

"We sent information to high school music programs and have been pleased with an enthusiastic response," Murphy said.

The RMC Invitational Honors Concert will be similar to an all-state band or choir, Murphy explained.

"It will be a joint performance by the best high school musicians in the state. We believe the best music will be made by the best musicians so we're excited to launch this new program," he said.

A student who wishes to audition for the RMC Invitational Honors Concert may do so by submitting the audition form and a recording (audio or video) of two pieces of music, contrasting in style for either choir or band. A student may submit auditions for both, but two pieces for each instrument being auditioned (voice, trumpet, etc) must be provided.

If a student does not have the capability to provide a recording, applications can be submitted by recommendation of student's primary music instructor. To apply by recommendation a student must have more than one year of experience and submit the audition form as well as the instructor's evaluation letter.

Application, music, and event are free to students who are accepted.

For details, information is available at music.rocky.edu or by contacting Jesse Murphy, RMC fine arts ambassador, jesse.murphy@rocky.edu, 208-2429.

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