

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS CONCERT FEB. 21

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BILLINGS - More than 120 high school music students from across Montana have been accepted for the Rocky Mountain College High School Invitational Honors Concert, to be held in February 2009.

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 affords gifted high school musicians an opportunity to perform in a collegiate-level ensemble."

The students will arrive Thursday, Feb. 19 for rehearsal and a dinner with RMC President Michael Mace.

Rehearsals will continue Friday, Feb. 20, with special events on and off campus, with the final dress rehearsal and concert, Saturday, Feb. 21. The concert, free and open to the public, will be at the Lincoln Center, at 2 p.m.

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.

Students were selected for the invitational honors concert by submitting audition recordings or by having recommendations from music instructors.

For more information on the concert, contact Jesse Murphy, RMC fine arts ambassador, 657-1026, or email, jesse.murphy@rocky.edu.

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