

2025 NYSBDA High School Honor Band Preview

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The 2025 NYSBDA Symposium will be held on March 7 - 9, 2025 in Syracuse, NY. Approximately 120 student musicians, grades 9 – 12 from across the state, will be selected for the Honor Concert Band. This year, we are thrilled to have Mr. James Dragovich as our conductor.

Who is eligible? You can nominate any of your deserving students, grades 9 – 12, who performed a NYSSMA level V, VI, or All-State solo during the 2022-2023 school year for the High School Honor Band. Students that have already been selected for a 2023 NYSSMA All-State instrumental group ARE NOT eligible. One of the goals of the Honor Band is to provide an additional All-State level experience to the many eligible and worthy student musicians that are not selected for NYSSMA All-State. The NYSBDA Officers and Executive Board encourage NYSBDA members to submit applications of students who are qualified and interested in achieving a wonderful musical experience. I invite any of my colleagues that have not yet nominated their deserving students to do so this year. I can guarantee you that your attendance at this symposium will be rewarding for both you and your selected students.

This year, after your valuable feedback and the amazing work of our Executive Board, we are pleased to share that we will be shifting to DaCapo for our Honor Band Registrations this year! More information on nominations will be forthcoming. **Nominating Band Directors must be current or new members of NYSBDA in order to have students selected.**

Questions related to the NYSBDA High School Honor Concert Band should be directed to hshonorband@nysbda.org. Thank you for your consideration and have a wonderful school year!