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The 38th Annual Northwest Jazz Band Festival Saturday, May 7, 2016

Dear Director,

NORTHWEST



My name is Dan Davey and I am the new full time Director of Jazz at Mt. Hood Community College. I come from the greater Boston area, having taught and performed there for several years, and am excited to be a part of the community of music educators here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest!

Being the 50th anniversary of our institution, we are celebrating 50 years of jazz at Mt. Hood Community College! I would like to personally invite you to participate in the 38th Annual Northwest Jazz Band Festival held at Mt. Hood Community College. This year, the festival will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The unique aspect of this festival is that each year, we feature a guest artist and clinician that performs during the day for your students and holds clinics that will expose your students to this professional insight and knowledge. This year's guest artist is Chris Vadala. Chris is the Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Maryland and a woodwind specialist who has performed with an impressive list of world-renown musicians. He will be hosting clinics throughout the day, giving your students the opportunity to interact and learn from a jazz master.

The festival is open to all Big Bands and Combos at both the High School and Middle School levels. In addition, ensembles have the option to participate for comments only rather than a rating. New this year, we will be holding scholarship auditions on campus that day for any students looking to begin their music career at a community college before transferring to a four year bachelors degree.

Scheduling requests will be honored as much as possible to allow schools with conflicts to be able to participate at a time that is convenient for them. The deadline for early registration is April 1, 2016. Application fees will be fully refunded until March 15, 2016 and no refunds will be given after that date.

All information regarding this year's festival, t-shirt orders, and scholarship auditions is available on my website: www.danieldavey.net. Please complete the registration form, announcement sheet, and setup chart and mail them along with your check to the address on the form.

I ask you to consider joining us at MHCC this year, especially if you have not participated in the past or if it has been a few years. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person, at or before our festival. Please feel free to email or call me at any time!

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Davey

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