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Dear Band Director,

On behalf of The Southridge Instrumental Music and Dance Ensembles (SIMDE) organization, we invite you and your band to participate in the 1st annual Southridge Spectacle of Sound Marching Band Competition. This event will be held on October 17th, 2009 at Hillsboro Stadium in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Our premier venue offers artificial turf, stadium seating for over 4,000 spectators, as well as ample parking for buses, equipment trucks and spectators. Band and Pit entry is separated from the spectator lot to enhance movement and ease congestion.

Participating bands will compete based on the classifications determined by the following NWAPA guidelines, although a band may elect to compete in the Open Class if the director indicates this on the intent to enter form. These classifications are as follows:

- Open Class: Open Competition – No limit on number of performing members
- AAA Class: Large bands – More than 100 members
- AA Class Medium bands – 70-99 members
- A Class: Small bands – 69 or fewer members
- Exhibition: Bands of any size who wish to receive judges' comments only

The Southridge Spectacle of Sound offers an outstanding opportunity to compete against top ranked bands on the way to the 2009 NW Championships. Adjudication is provided by NWAPA judges who are selected from around the country. The competition is divided into a preliminary and final round. In the Preliminary round, trophies will be awarded in each class for first, second and third place as well as for caption awards in High Music, High Visual, High Auxiliary, High Percussion and High General Effect. Finals competition will consist of at least 15 bands based on preliminary scores. The top three bands from each classification will automatically advance to Finals. The remainder of the schedule will be filled by the highest scoring units. Finals awards will be presented for first, second and third place along with caption awards for the same categories as in the Preliminaries.

Please secure your band's space in this premier event as early as possible. We will accept the first 25 bands that commit with additional entries placed on a waiting list in the order received. The entry fee for the 2009 Spectacle of Sound is \$250.00. SIMDE has arranged for local hotel accommodations at discounted rates. If this is of interest please contact us so that we can secure your reservations.



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It is with great pride that SIMDE offers our 1st annual marching band competition and we sincerely hope that your band will be able to join us for this exciting addition to the 2009 fall marching band season. We assure you that you can look forward to a first-class competition, outstanding adjudication and a wonderful educational experience for you and your band.

For additional information please visit our website at SIMDE.org. You may also contact us at wayne.evans@verizon.net with any questions. For more information regarding NWAPA membership and/or regulations please visit www.nwapa.us.

Sincerely,

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