



Quebec Band Association
Association des harmonies du Québec

QBA Honour Band - Symphonic Band Information Package

Dear Participant,

Congratulations on being selected to participate in the 2020 QBA Honour Band. The Symphonic Band will rehearse at Vanier College on the evening of Friday, February 7th, and during the day on Saturday, February 8th, 2019. This event will culminate with a showcase concert on the evening of Saturday, February 8th, 2020. We have accepted your registration fee and look forward to seeing you. Please note that in the event that you are unable to attend, these fees are non-refundable.

The following is the information package containing all the material you will need before the rehearsals start for the Honour Band. Please remember that you can always contact us with any questions you, your parents, or teacher may have before you come for the first rehearsal. Our email address is qba@quebecbandassociation.com. Please indicate in the subject line that you have an Honour Band question and we will respond to any messages as quickly as possible.

Vanier College is a rental facility – please **do not** contact them for information.

There is a lot of information in this package. **MAKE SURE YOU READ IT!**

This information package will also be posted on our website at www.quebecbandassociation.com/

CONDUCTOR: Dr. Jason Caslor

Dr. Jason Caslor assumed his duties as Associate Professor of Music and Director of Wind Ensembles at Arizona State University (ASU) in the fall of 2019 after four years as their Associate Director of Bands and Orchestras. In addition to overseeing all aspects of the ASU Wind Bands program, he also directs the Wind Ensemble, mentors graduate conducting students, and teaches undergraduate and graduate conducting courses. In concert, Dr. Caslor has collaborated with, among other ensembles, the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet of Canada, the National Youth Band of Canada, the South Dakota All State Band, and the Alberta Wind Symphony. As a researcher and teacher, his efforts have lead to engagements in Sweden, Austria, Germany, and throughout North America.

MUSIC:

Your Honour Band music is included with this letter. You must bring a copy of your music to Honour Band with you. This music has been especially selected for you – do not replace it with someone else’s part unless your teacher has received permission from the HB coordinators for you to do so. You will only have a day and a half to rehearse all of this material with the entire ensemble. Please make sure that you arrive in February having **learned the music**. We encourage you to start now and get help from your teacher/band director where necessary. You will find the parts to the following pieces:

Blue Ridge Reel - Brian Balmages Fanfare for the Unsung Hero - arr. Matt Conaway Into the Blue - Cait Nishimura Salvation is Created - Chesnokov, arr. Brown Snarl - John MacKey Three Ayres from Gloucester - Hugh Stuart

If you are missing any of these pieces, please let your teacher know right away. Some changes during rehearsal days may be inevitable to adjust the balance and blend within the ensemble.

CONCERT DRESS:

It is important that the ensembles present a professional image which coincides with this enriched musical experience. The following information is an outline of the uniform requirements. Please remember to bring your concert dress to the rehearsal on Saturday as you will not be leaving Vanier College before the concert. We will have a place to store your clothes, and will give you time to change before your performance.

- white shirt or blouse (long sleeves/high neckline); plain black skirt or black pants
- black nylons or black socks; black dress shoes (no running shoes)

Each year, there are numerous articles left behind at Vanier after the concert. Please be advised that we are not responsible for these items - anything we find will be given over to the Vanier Lost and Found office.

INSTRUMENTS:

Instruments are your responsibility. Whether it is a school instrument or your own, you must be sure that it is in good playing condition and that you have all necessary accessories, i.e. valve/slide oil, mutes, reeds, etc. You should also bring a music stand if possible. Please ensure that all items (instrument cases, stands, etc.) are clearly marked with your name. We are not responsible for lost or stolen instruments. Percussionists do not need to bring individual instruments. All percussion will be supplied, although we ask you to please bring all necessary mallets and sticks.

MEALS:

Participants are required to bring a packed lunch for Saturday, February 8th. You should also bring a bottle of water for the day. A pizza dinner with beverages will be provided, as all participants are required to remain at Vanier College between the rehearsal and the concert. If you do not wish to eat pizza, please bring your own food for dinner.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Please note that there is now a parking fee at Vanier College: \$2/hour, up to \$8/day.

We will have secure rooms available to store your coats and bags during the day on Saturday. You are welcome to bring games (cards, etc.) to entertain yourself during the evening when you are not performing. There is very limited space for our rehearsals during the day on Saturday so we ask that your parents drop you off promptly in the morning, and return only to watch the concert in the evening. As we have no large waiting area near the auditorium, the doors will not open before 6:30 pm for the concert on Saturday night. Tickets that were pre-ordered for the concert, will be distributed on Friday evening so that you may give them to your guests prior to their arrival on Saturday. If additional tickets become available, they can be purchased on Saturday morning at 9:00 am at the registration table.

Registration will take place at Vanier College between 5:30 and 6:00 pm on Friday. Please plan to be on time, as it is very important that we start rehearsing on schedule.



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QBA Honour Band 2020 --- Symphonic Band Itinerary

Friday, Feb. 7th

- 5:30-6:00 pm - Registration for **Symphonic Band**
- 6:00-7:00pm - Quebec Youth Wind Ensemble concert and information
- 7:00-9:00 pm - **Symphonic Band** full rehearsal

Saturday, Feb. 8th

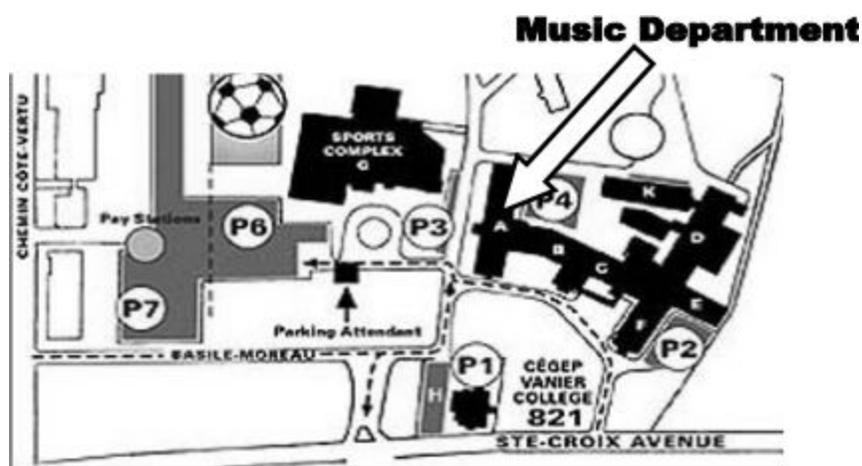
- 9:00-9:30 am - Arrival of Symphonic Band upstairs
- 9:30-11:00 am - Symphonic Band sectional rehearsal
- 11:00-12:15 pm - Symphonic Band full rehearsal
- 12:15-1:00 pm - Lunch
- 1:00-2:15 pm - Symphonic Band sectional rehearsal
- 2:15-3:15 pm - Symphonic Band full rehearsal
- 3:15-3:30 pm - Break
- 3:30-4:15 pm - Symphonic Band watches Concert Band dress rehearsal
- 4:15-5:15 pm - Symphonic Band dress rehearsal
- 5:15-6:00 pm - Pizza party
- 6:00-6:30 pm - Change into concert dress and warm-ups
- 7:00-8:30 pm - Concert



Vanier College is situated in Ville Saint-Laurent on 821 Ste-Croix Avenue between rue de l'Eglise and Cote-Vertu. Vanier College is well located for convenient access by public transport.

The music department is in the “A” section of the map the college building. You may enter through the auditorium doors, marked as 867 Ste-Croix. Parking is in section P7.

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We look forward to meeting you at Honour Band 2020.

Yours sincerely,

QBA Honour Band 2020 Coordinators

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