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JAMES PATRICK MILLER

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HONOR BAND  
HONOR CHOIR  
HONOR ORCHESTRA

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Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to announce the **2018 BJÖRLING MUSIC FESTIVAL**. This year's festival, held November 4-5, features the 30th annual Gustavus **Honor Bands** and the inaugural **Honor Choir** and **Honor Orchestra**. I sincerely hope you and your students will join us this fall!

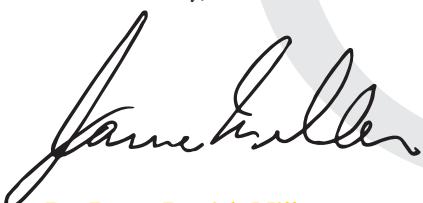
Our festival brings together 250 students from 60 high schools across Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin for two days of music. The event features faculty clinics, workshops for teachers, rehearsals, and a concert in Gustavus' magnificent Christ Chapel. The honor ensembles will be under the direction of myself, **Dr. Greg Aune**, **Dr. Brandon Dean**, **Dr. Heidi Johanna Miller**, and **Dr. Justin Knoepfel**. The finale concert features the two honor bands, honor choir, and honor orchestra. High school students will also be treated to live concert performances of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Wind Symphony, and Choir of Christ Chapel.

Students are selected following a nomination by their high school music teachers, private instructors, and conductors via an online nomination form (see URL below). Whether you have nominated students each year for decades, or you have not yet participated, I hope this year you will nominate all deserving students in your program.

All nomination and registration information and forms, as well as many more details about the Björling Music Festival, are available online at [gustavus.edu/bjorlingmusicfestival](http://gustavus.edu/bjorlingmusicfestival). The participation fee is \$30 per student. **Nomination deadline is October 5**. While nomination forms may be received after this date, space will be limited.

The Björling Music Festival is a highlight each year, and this year will be a truly special event. We look forward to working with all of you and your students. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [jpmgwo@gustavus.edu](mailto:jpmgwo@gustavus.edu).

Most Sincerely,



**Dr. James Patrick Miller**

*The Douglas Nimmo Endowed Professor of Music  
Conductor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra  
Björling Music Festival Director*

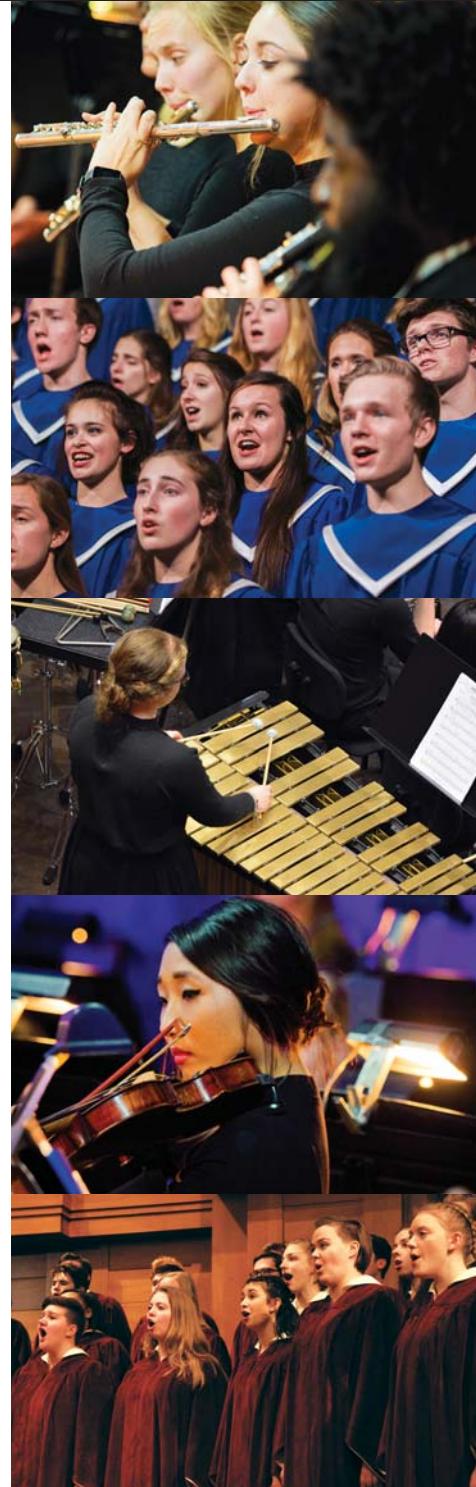
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*I attended other college and university honor festivals, but after leaving the Björling Music Festival I felt like a piece of me was missing and I had to come back to Gustavus.*

- Jennifer Golding '18, White Bear Lake (Minn.) High School

*My students had an amazing musical experience and I already felt different in rehearsals with my conducting and teaching in the weeks following. I thank the Gustavus faculty for that inspiration!*

- Laura Goucher, Director of Bands, Hermantown (Minn.) High School



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