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Dear Colleagues,

As the Douglas Nimmo Professor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra and Festival Director, I am delighted to announce the **2017 BJÖRLING MUSIC FESTIVAL**. This year's festival, held November 5-6, features the **29th Annual Gustavus Honor Band** and the inaugural **Gustavus Honor Choir**.

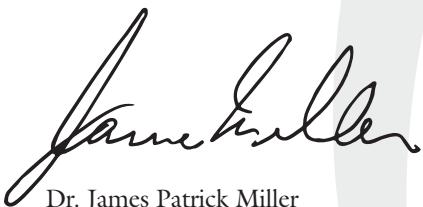
The festival brings together 250 students from 60 high schools across Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin for two days of music. The event features faculty clinics, workshops for teachers, rehearsals, and a concert in Gustavus' magnificent Christ Chapel under the direction of myself, **Dr. Greg Aune**, **Dr. Brandon Dean**, **Dr. Heidi Johanna Miller**, and **Dr. Karrin Meffert-Nelson**. The finale concert (free admission and available via live-stream) features the two honor bands, honor choir, and the renowned Gustavus Choir and Gustavus Wind Orchestra.

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 sincerely 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. The participation fee is \$30 per student. Nomination deadline is **Friday, October 6**. Nomination forms may be received after this date, but space will be limited.

The Björling Music Festival is a highlight each year for all of us involved, 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.

Most Sincerely,



Dr. James Patrick Miller
*The Douglas Nimmo Professor of the Gustavus Wind Orchestra
Festival Director*



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