13TH ANNUAL UIC HONOR BAND FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

We are excited to host the 13th Annual UIC Honor Band Festival and welcome you to the UIC campus and be a part of this important musical event. Below is some important information to help you plan and be a successful participant at the festival. Please do not hesitate to reach out to UIC Bands Faculty at UICBands@uic.edu if you have any further questions.

ITINERARY

Friday, October 24
UIC School of Theatre and Music – ETMSW Building: 1040 W Harrison St., Lower Level

4:00 pm	Festival Registration Table Opens in Theatre Lobby (Lower Level)
4:30 pm	Percussion Seating Auditions Begin
5:00 pm	Wind Seating Auditions Begin
6:30 pm	Dinner Break
7:15 pm	Part Assignments and Seating Posted
7:30 pm	Rehearsal I
9:00 pm	End of Rehearsal I

Saturday, October 25
UIC School of Theatre and Music – ETMSW Building: 1040 W Harrison St., Lower Level

9:00 am	Sectionals
10:00 am	Rehearsal II
11:30 am	UIC Faculty Masterclasses
12:30 pm	Lunch Break
2:00 pm	UIC Student Performances
3:00 pm	Rehearsal III
5:00 pm	Dinner Break
6:30 pm	Rehearsal IV
8:30 pm	End of Rehearsal

Sunday, October 26
UIC Student Center East - Illinois Room: 750 S Halsted St., Third Floor

10:00 am	Honor Band Call Time
10:30 am	Rehearsal V
12:00 pm	Lunch Break
1:30 pm	Concert Call Time
2:00 pm	**UIC 13th Annual Honor Band Festival Concert featuring the UIC Wind Ensemble and the UIC High School Honor Band**

LOCATIONS AND DIRECTIONS

A campus map showing the buildings and parking can be found at the end of this document.

UIC School of Theatre and Music – ETMSW Building: 1040 W Harrison St., Lower Level

- All events on Friday and Saturday will be located at the ETMSW building at 1040 W. Harrison St. on UIC's campus. The building is located on the corner of Morgan St. & Harrison St.
- **Public Transportation:** The ETMSW Building is immediately across the street from the Blue Line at stop UIC - Halsted. Exit out of the western-most station door to Morgan St. Bus Routes 7 and 60 make stops at Morgan St. & Harrison St.
- **Parking:** UIC Parking is available in Lot 9, 1B, or HRPS. You may also search out street parking on Morgan St. or Van Buren St.

UIC Student Center East - Illinois Room: 750 S Halsted St., Third Floor

- All events on Sunday will be in the Illinois Room (3rd Floor) of Student Center East at 750 S. Halsted St. This is located at the intersection of Halsted St. & Polk St.
- **Public Transportation:** Student Center East is a block south of the Blue Line at stop UIC - Halsted. Exit out of the eastern-most door to Halstead St.
- **Parking:** UIC Parking is available in Parking Structure HLPS.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-Festival Registration

- All potential participants must be nominated by a music educator. When the nomination period ends, potential participants accepted into the honor band will receive an email within a few days with instructions on how to register for the festival. Prompt registration is appreciated, but the deadline is October 20.
- There is a registration fee of $85 that can be paid with a credit card through our registration portal or by providing cash or a check. Financial assistance is available. Please contact uicbands@uic.edu for more information.

Festival Check-in and Onsite Registration

- All participants should proceed to the registration table in the lower-level theatre lobby upon arrival at the ETMSW Building on UIC's campus. Registration will begin at 4:00 pm and we hope all participants will have checked in at the registration table no later than 5:00 pm.
- All participants must email the completed forms to mailto:UICBands@uic.edu or bring them to the registration table on Friday. These forms include the Participation Release Form, Medical Release Form, and Photograph Consent Form. These forms were sent via email and are available on the event website: go.uic.edu/honorsband
- All students who selected "Pay by Check" in the payment information when registering should also bring cash or a check to cover the festival fees at registration on Friday. Checks should be made out to "University of Illinois Chicago". No payment is needed if a school is covering the festival fees on behalf of students or if the fees were paid online when accepting the nomination.

- After completing the on-site registration, students will be brought to a room to warm up and store their belongings. Parents who are attending with their student will be able to relax in the theatre lobby.

REHEARSAL INFORMATION

Music

- **Audition Music:** A seating audition will be held before the first rehearsal on Friday evening. Audition music is provided in packets sent out via email and available on the event website after the nomination period has closed. Wind students should choose one excerpt (Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced) from the packets in addition to the chromatic scale. Percussion students should choose one Snare Drum and one Mallet excerpt (Beginner, Intermediate, or Advanced) in addition to the chromatic scale on a mallet instrument. Seating auditions are only to determine the seating and the most appropriate musical part. No students will be cut from participating.
- **Festival Music:** All Festival Music will be provided by UIC Bands at the first rehearsal after the seating auditions are complete.

Meals

- Meals and snacks will not be provided.
- There are a variety of dining options on and close to campus. A list of a few options is available at the end of this document.
- Students may purchase snacks at vending machines located on the second floor of the ETMSW Building or choose to bring their own meals from home.

Rehearsal Etiquette

- All participants are expected to attend and be on time for all festival activities. If issues arise that may cause a late arrival or absences, please communicate with UIC Band Faculty as soon as possible.
- Students are expected to be respectful of others and exhibit positive behaviors while interacting with participating in the festival activities.
- All students are expected to be as prepared as possible, which includes bringing their instrument and other required equipment (e.g., reeds, mouthpieces), a pencil, and music. Additionally, the following players should also be prepared with the following instruments/equipment:
    - **Flute Students:** If interested in being considered for piccolo as well, bring a piccolo to the Friday audition and be prepared to play a portion of the audition on piccolo.
    - **Trumpet Students:** Bring straight mutes to rehearsals, if possible.
    - **Percussion Students:** Percussionists are required to provide a pair of drumsticks and a pair of general-purpose mallets. The UIC Bands will provide other sticks, mallets, and all percussion instruments for use during rehearsals. We ask that all percussionists utilize the provided percussion equipment with professionalism and proper technique.

CONCERT INFORMATION

Concert Performance Attire
Professional attire is expected for performance. The attire you use for formal concerts at your high school is welcome.

- Option 1: Button-up shirt, tie, dress slacks or khaki pants, dress shoes, dark socks.
- Option 2: Dress (knee-length or lower), pantsuit, dress shoes.

Recordings

- An audio recording will be made of the final concert. A recording will be mastered following the performance and a link sent via email to participants.

Concert

- The Concert is on Sunday, October 26 at 2:00 pm in the Illinois Room of Student Center East (750 S. Halsted St., third floor)
- The concert is FREE and open to the public
- The concert will feature the UIC Wind Ensemble followed by the UIC Honor Band. All students are expected to attend the entire concert.

OTHER INFORMATION

Dining Options Nearby
Hours vary, so please confirm prior to arrival**.** There are more dining options on Taylor Street, Randolph Street, and Greek Town.

UIC Student Center East
750 S. Halsted St.
(312) 355-2338

- Chick-fil-A $
- Dunkin' Donuts/Baskin-Robbins $
- Halal Shack $
- Moe's Southwest Grill $
- Panda Express $
- Sushi Do $

Carm's Beef & Italian Ice $
1057 W. Polk St.
(312) 738-1046

Fontano's Subs $
1058 West Polk Street
(312) 421-4474

Giordano's Pizza $$
815 W Van Buren St #115
(312) 421-1221

Jimmy John's $
812 West Van Buren Street
(312) 733-8030

Morgan Street Café $
111 South Morgan Street
(312) 850-0234

Mr. Greek Gyros $
234 S. Halsted St.
(312) 906-8731

Primos Chicago Pizza $
816 W. Van Buren St.
(312) 243-1052

Subway Restaurants $
808 W. Jackson Blvd.
(312) 669-1500

Taco Burrito King $
811 W. Jackson Blvd.
(312) 831-0400

Thai Bowl $
1049 West Taylor Street
(312) 226-9129

Tuscany Restaurant $$
1014 West Taylor Street
(312) 829-1990

*Vending Machines are located on the Second Floor of our Building.

Emergencies

Should an emergency arise, the following contacts should be used as appropriate:

UIC Honor Band Contact Phone: (312) 996-5307
UIC Police (Emergency): (312) 355-5555
UIC Police (Non-Emergency): (312) 996-2830

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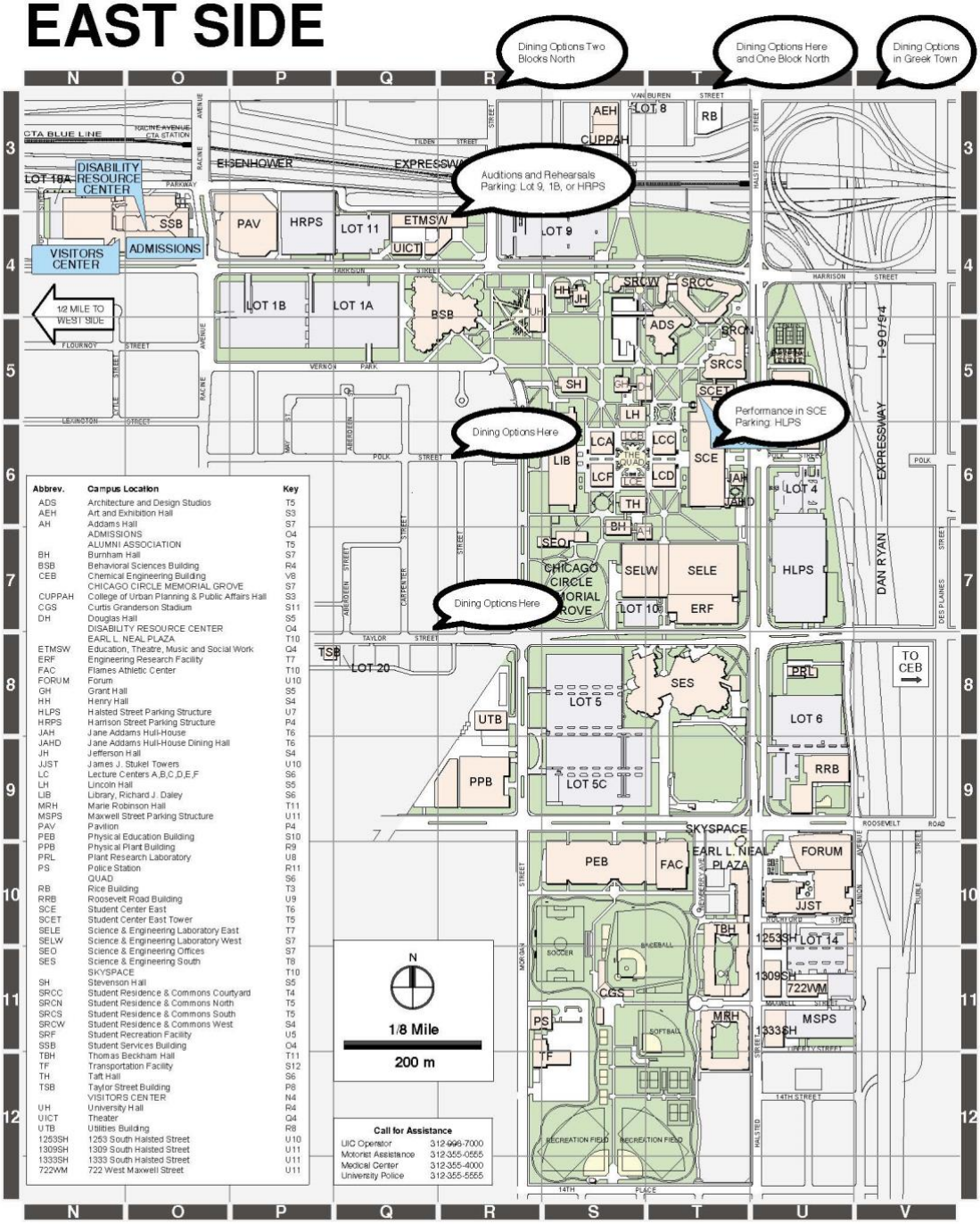

Abbrev.	Campus Location	Key
ADS	Architecture and Design Studios	T5
AEH	Art and Exhibition Hall	S3
AH	Addams Hall	S7
	ADMISSIONS	O4
	ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	T5
BH	Burnham Hall	S7
BSB	Behavioral Sciences Building	R4
CEB	Chemical Engineering Building	V8
	CHICAGO CIRCLE MEMORIAL GROVE	S7
CUPPAH	College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs Hall	S3
CGS	Curtis Granderson Stadium	S11
DH	Douglas Hall	S5
	DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER	O4
	EARL L. NEAL PLAZA	T10
ETMSW	Education, Theatre, Music and Social Work	Q4
ERF	Engineering Research Facility	T7
FAC	Flames Athletic Center	T10
FORUM	Forum	U10
GH	Grant Hall	S5
HH	Henry Hall	S4
HLPS	Halsted Street Parking Structure	U7
HRPS	Harrison Street Parking Structure	P4
JAH	Jane Addams Hull-House	T6
JAHD	Jane Addams Hull-House Dining Hall	T6
JH	Jefferson Hall	S4
JJST	James J. Stukel Towers	U10
LC	Lecture Centers A,B,C,D,E,F	S6
LH	Lincoln Hall	S5
LIB	Library, Richard J. Daley	S6
MRH	Marie Robinson Hall	T11
MSPS	Maxwell Street Parking Structure	U11
PAV	Pavilion	P4
PEB	Physical Education Building	S10
PPB	Physical Plant Building	R9
PRL	Plant Research Laboratory	U8
PS	Police Station	R11
	QUAD	S6
RB	Rice Building	T3
RRB	Roosevelt Road Building	U9
SCE	Student Center East	T6
SCET	Student Center East Tower	T5
SELE	Science & Engineering Laboratory East	T7
SELW	Science & Engineering Laboratory West	S7
SEO	Science & Engineering Offices	S7
SES	Science & Engineering South	T8
	SKYSPACE	T10
SH	Stevenson Hall	S5
SRCC	Student Residence & Commons Courtyard	T4
SRCN	Student Residence & Commons North	T5
SRCS	Student Residence & Commons South	T5
SRCW	Student Residence & Commons West	S4
SRF	Student Recreation Facility	U5
SSB	Student Services Building	O4
TBH	Thomas Beckham Hall	T11
TF	Transportation Facility	S12
TH	Taft Hall	S6
TSB	Taylor Street Building	P8
	VISITORS CENTER	N4
UH	University Hall	R4
UICT	Theater	Q4
UTB	Utilities Building	R8
1253SH	1253 South Halsted Street	U10
1309SH	1309 South Halsted Street	U11
1333SH	1333 South Halsted Street	U11
722WM	722 West Maxwell Street	U11

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