Nebraska High School Orchestra Directors,

Hastings College is again pleased to announce auditions for our annual Honor Band, Choir and Orchestra Festival to be held on February 5-7, 2015. Auditions must be submitted via online. As always, the intent of HBOC is to provide your students a quality and educational experience, so I hope you will encourage your best string students to audition. String players, grades 9 – 12, are eligible to audition for the Honor Orchestra.

On the reverse of this page are the audition guidelines for HBOC. All required registration forms as well as the audition guidelines are on our website at www.hastings.edu/hboc. Questions regarding orchestra auditions may be directed either to me or to our department chairman, Dr. Robin Koozer.

I am serving as this year’s clinician, which is something that I try to do every three or four years. Entering my twelfth year at Hastings College, I remain inspired by what I see happening in your string education programs, often times in coordination with private studio teachers. It is obvious that our Nebraska communities take great pride in supporting orchestras at all levels of education. I hope that you and your students will join me for a few days of intense, yet enjoyable work focusing on music and performance technique.

It is important to note that the deadline for auditions is November 14, 2014. Complete audition instructions are on the reverse of this letter and on our website at www.hastings.edu/hboc. As in the past, I will strive to seat an orchestra with an 8.8.6.6.3 instrumentation, but much depends on the number of students auditioning and the overall quality of the players. Notification of accepted students will be posted on the website by December 12, 2014. Music will be mailed to the students’ director the first week of January, 2015.

Thank you for your continued support of Hastings College and its Honor Band, Choir, and Orchestra Festival. I look forward to listening to your students’ auditions and fielding a great chamber orchestra for February 2015. Best wishes in all that you are doing.

Sincerely,

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2015--Hastings College Honor Festival
Honor Chamber Orchestra Audition Requirements
Dr. Byron Jensen – Chair

This year, the Hastings College Honor Festival will be accepting recorded auditions only. The following are the audition requirements for string students interested in participating in this year’s honor orchestra.

1. Solo
2. Scale requirements – Major scale (student’s choice/two or three octaves/ascending and descending)

Recording Procedure

1. Please state the following before the student performs:
   - Name
   - Instrument
   - School
   - Grade Level
2. Record scale.
3. Identify and Record solo.
4. Make sure the Audition Form has been filled out, including the title of the student’s solo.

Each online audition is due no later than November 14, 2014.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Dr. Byron Jensen at bjensen@hastings.edu or 402-461-7361

Or go to our website www.hastings.edu/hboc