

LIU Post

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Dear Student Participant,

Congratulations! You have been selected to participate in the Tilles Festival Band at the 2019 LIU Post Band Festival at Tilles Center.

The Festival Band will be a large ensemble made up of members of the *LIU Post Wind Symphony* and selected high school musicians representing 35 different high schools across Long Island. You will be part of a large ensemble of approximately 180 players, and the quality will be outstanding. Conductors will include myself and internationally renowned composer and conductor Dr. Jack Stamp. The mandatory rehearsal and concert schedule will be as follows (all to take place at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, on the campus of LIU Post):

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00–9:00PM – *Festival Band Rehearsal*

Thursday, April 11, 6:00–9:00PM – *Festival Band Rehearsal*

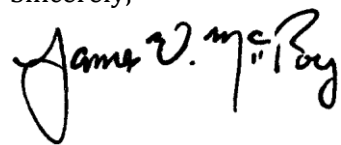
Friday, April 12, 8:00PM – *Festival Concert*

All the above rehearsals are mandatory. Missing any of those for any reason will result in your being dismissed from the Festival. Your music will be mailed to your Band Director shortly and he/she will distribute that to you. In addition to the *Tilles Festival Band*, the Festival Concert will feature performances by the LIU Post Wind Symphony, West Islip High School Wind Ensemble, and the William Floyd High School Wind Symphony. Our 2019 Composer-in-Residence Jack Stamp will conduct six of his own works in the concert – two with our LIU Post Wind Symphony, one each with the guest High School wind bands, and two with the Tilles Festival Band. This will be a very exciting experience for everyone involved!

It is incredibly important that you take the time to be sure you are properly prepared on the festival music BEFORE the first rehearsal on April 9th. Given that the university students in the LIU Post Wind Symphony will have rehearsed this music during February and March, they will be quite ready for the final rehearsals and concert. I want you to be equally ready, so you feel comfortable and confident. There are recordings of some of the music we will be performing on the internet, and I will put some links on the Band Festival tab on my website (www.jamesmcroy.net). Please be sure you spend a good amount of time practicing and listening to this music.

I'm looking forward to meeting and rehearsing with you. I'll see you on April 9th!

Sincerely,



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