

KELL WIND ENSEMBLE
2025 JANFEST PERFORMANCE
INFORMATION PACKET

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WHAT IS JANFEST?

“JanFest” (January High School Music Festival) is a three-day event for high school band musicians. Students are nominated for participation by their director, and UGA Bands staff selects students to participate based on the instrumentation need of the festival bands and the musical achievements of each student. Typical festival attendance is approximately 1300 students from 140 schools. Students are placed in festival bands based on a video audition. These bands rehearse several times before a final performance on the final afternoon of the event. Attendees also enjoy featured performances by guest high school bands and UGA student ensembles, including the UGA Wind Ensemble.

WHAT WILL KELL BE DOING?

In April, using the recordings from our LGPE performance, we applied to perform as one of the featured ensembles and we received notice in May that we were one of *only two high school bands* from the entire state selected to perform a feature concert at the 2025 JanFest! Therefore, *WE* will be one of the concerts attended by over 1300 music students and educators (and friends, family, alumni, etc.) from all over Georgia!

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONCERT?

We perform on *Thursday, January 16, at 7:45 PM in Hodgson Hall on the UGA campus* in Athens, Georgia. Hillgrove High School’s Wind Symphony will perform immediately before us, beginning at 7:00.

IS THERE A COST FOR THE TRIP OR CONCERT?

Yes, for the trip. **The cost is \$45 for each student**, which will cover charter bus and equipment transportation costs, dinner at UGA, a long-sleeved shirt commemorating the event, and printed programs. KBBA and Dr. Giles are graciously supplementing the total cost of the trip to keep those costs as low as possible. Admission to the concert itself is free to the public, and we strongly encourage you to attend!

WHAT IS THE EXACT SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY?

The exact schedule is still being determined. We will drive up to Athens in charter buses after eating lunch at Kell, and after the concert we will head back directly to Kell. We will likely arrive back home late in the evening (~10:30PM or thereabouts). In all, it is a one-day trip up and back.

WILL THERE BE A PREVIEW CONCERT?

Yes! Mark your calendars for *Tuesday, January 14, at 7PM at the Lassiter Concert Hall*. We will perform a free and open-to-the-public preview concert for the community with Hillgrove.

CAN I STILL PARTICIPATE IN THE JANFEST WEEKEND?

Yes. Students who want to participate in the JanFest festival itself will be able to still apply and, if accepted, will have a separate schedule for the weekend. Once we know specifics we will communicate them, but we do know you will be able to join us for dinner and of course the performance on Thursday night.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL MR. ROTH AT

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THIS CONCERT IS GOING TO BE A BLAST!

