October 5, 2010

Dear Director,

The thirty-eighth annual Central Michigan University/Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Weekend will be held Thursday and Friday, February 10 and 11, 2011 on the CMU campus. You and your students are invited to participate in two days of exciting musical performances in an educational and entertaining atmosphere. Jazz Weekend XXXVIII brings together outstanding guest artists, clinicians, and over 1,100 college, high school and junior high school students comprising dozens of big bands and jazz combos.

Twenty tickets to the feature performance on Friday, February 11 at 8 p.m. in Plachta Auditorium are included with your registration fee of $240, the same as a year ago. Additional student tickets can be purchased for $7, adult tickets are $10.

Saxophonist, Band Leader, Composer, and Educator Bob Mintzer is our featured guest artist this year. Mintzer has an amazing breadth of work to his credit, including over two dozen solo and ensemble albums, hundreds of big band arrangements, a Grammy award, and much more. Come join us to see and hear this great musician and fascinating man. Learn more about Bob at http://www.bobmintzer.com

Festival concerts will once again feature a wide variety of CMU Jazz Ensembles, including Jazzbone, Jazz Central, Jazz Lab I, and more. Top clinicians and adjudicators from around the Midwest will provide commentary and suggestions throughout the day as High School and Junior High School groups perform for ratings and awards.

Please fill out the enclosed application(s) and return immediately to ensure your students’ place in this year’s festival, as they are processed on a “first-come, first served” basis. Additional forms may be obtained using the web site address below. Applications (including payment) must be postmarked by December 13, 2010. Schools that intend to participate in the combo sessions are especially encouraged to respond early, as performance opportunities are limited. For more information and forms, visit our web site at www.mus.cmich.edu

We look forward to seeing you in February!

Sincerely,

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Jazz Weekend Coordinator

Rob Smith
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