

2024 BEST OF THE WEST MUSIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Colorado Mesa University, Department of Music, December 5-7

Conductors: Dr. Amy Acklin, Casey Cropp, & Aaron Herman

Guest Artist: Guerrilla Fanfare Brass Band

Composer-in-residence: Zach Brake

Thursday, December 5

10:00am **TBD (new PAC hall)** - PRISM “Special Edition” Concert (for select Elementary and MS students)
4:30pm Guest Comp Session for CMU students - Zach Brake
7:30pm Love Recital Hall - Recital, Guest Artist (TBD)

Friday, December 6

8:00am Check-in outside **Robinson Theater**
Cases to **Robinson Theater** to Warm up (quietly!) – Leave cases in Robinson
8:30am Auditions for chair placement begins – faculty studios
9:30am Double Reed Workshop (Oboes in Room 136A; Bassoons in Room 123)
10:00am Open Rehearsal & Performance Guest Composer, and Guest Artists in **Robinson Theater**
11:30am Lunch on your own - multiple venues in Univ. Center, Library, and other fast food within short walk

- Audition Results Posted on silver doors entering **Robinson Theater**
- Students - determine which band you are placed and go to rehearsal/sectional:

12:30pm Full Band Rehearsals begin:

- Wind Symphony – **Robinson Theater** with Dr. Acklin
- Maroon Band – **Rm 005-006 (Band Room)** with Mr.Cropp
- Gold Band – Sectionals first (**12:30-1:30pm, see rm. assign.**), then with Mr. Herman

3:00pm Break – refreshments in lobby
3:15pm Rehearsal:

- Wind Symphony – **Robinson Theater**
- Maroon Band – Sectionals (**see rm. assign. for sectionals**)
- Gold Band – **Room 136**

4:15pm Break – TAKE ALL CASES TO LOVE RECITAL HALL (*this room will be locked overnight)
4:30pm Rehearsal:

- Wind Symphony – Sectionals (**see rm. assign. for sectionals**) - head to dinner at 5:30pm
- Maroon Band – **Rm 005-006 (Band Room)** - break for dinner at 5:40pm
- Gold Band – **Room 136** - break for dinner at 5:50pm

5:30/40/50pm Best of the West Dinner – University Center “Caf”
7:30pm Colorado Mesa University PRISM CONCERT – **new PAC hall**
with special guest TBD

Saturday, December 7

8:30am Master Classes – w/CMU faculty [&/or Guest Artist(s) as assigned]
9:30am Full Band Rehearsals (room changes, see below, each director decides when there is a break)

- Wind Symphony – **Robinson Theater - SWITCH TO Rm005-006 @ 10:30am**
- Maroon Band – **Rm 005-006 (Band Room) - SWITCH TO Robinson @ 10:30am**
- Gold Band – **Room 136**

12:00pm Lunch on your own
1:30 – 2:15pm Rehearsal (room changes, see below):

- Wind Symphony - **Rm 005-006 (Band Room)**
- Maroon Band - **Room 136**
- Gold Band - **Robinson Theater**

2:15pm Change for Concert – concert attire is what you wear for your own school concerts
2:45pm Be seated: Concert Band on stage, Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band in assigned seating
3:00pm CONCERT!! (FREE and open to the public/parents)

SESSIONS FOR HS TEACHERS

(continuing education credit available for directors)

Friday, December 6

12:45-1:30pm Gold Band Conductor - Aaron Herman - **Rm TBD (new PAC center space)**
2:00-3:00pm Guest Composer - Zach Brake - **Rm TBD (new PAC center space)**
3:15-4:00pm Maroon Band Conductor - Casey Cropp - **Rm TBD (new PAC center space)**
4:30-5:30pm Top Band Conductor - Dr. Amy Acklin - **Rm TBD (new PAC center space)**

Saturday, December 7

9:45-10:45am “Meet and Greet” with Guest Artists & CMU Faculty. Free coffee and/or pastry at CMU Starbucks (UC).
11(am)-12:00pm Guest Artist - Select members of GuFa Brass Band - **Rm TBD (new PAC center space)**