



October 6, 2009

Dear Colorado College and University Conducting Professors, and all other interested Music Educators and Musicians.

The Boulder Concert Band is sponsoring a **Young Conductor Competition** in honor of Hugh McMillen, long time Director of Bands at the University of Colorado and organizer of our own Boulder concert Band in 1976. Hugh McMillen is listed among the greatest and most influential musicians, conductors and educators not only in our state of Colorado, but in many National Band Organizations as well. The BCB has chosen to honor McMillen's great contributions to music with a scholarship for young individuals pursuing their careers in conducting or music education. The applicants must be 35 or under, and must be enrolled as music majors or in a conducting degree program in progress at a Colorado College or University.

To enter the scholarship competition, the applicant will be asked to send in a DVD conducting a live performance. (If this is not possible the applicant may conduct to a recorded performance. See accompanying rules and deadlines.) Music, each contestant chooses to conduct, must be rated at least a level three and should have two contrasting movements. The entrants need to submit their DVD, and other entry material to the Boulder Concert Band Conducting Scholarship Chairman by November 24, 2009. Three finalists will be chosen for a live audition conducting the BCB before a panel of judges. The placement of the finalists will be made that same evening, (January 25, 2010). The winner will conduct a portion of our concert on April 17, 2010. All the finalists will receive cash awards in recognition of their conducting skills. The cash awards are as follows:

First Place	\$1200
Second Place	\$ 600
Third Place	\$ 300

We hope you will encourage many of your student conducting musicians to send in auditions for a chance at our scholarship. Not only has this scholarship been founded to honor Hugh McMillen, it also will honor the great opportunities students have in their educational experiences in Colorado Colleges and Universities. As you notice on the entry forms enclosed, each applicant must be sponsored by a College Conducting Professor.

If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact Dee LeMaster, Conducting Scholarship Chairman at 303-530-0780. We look forward to your students participating.

Sincerely,

Dee LeMaster  
Boulder Concert Band  
Hugh McMillen Conducting Scholarship Chairman