

The Buchholz Wind Symphony has been accepted to perform at the 2009 Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in Chicago this December. An invitation to perform at the Midwest Clinic is the highest international honor that can be bestowed upon any high school band! Most bands in the nation never reach the incredibly high standard of performance excellence required to be accepted and, in fact, no band from Florida has been invited over the last 3 years. Additionally, only five other Florida bands have received invitations to perform at the Midwest Clinic in the last decade and two of those were performing arts schools! "I feel blessed and honored that this is going to be my second time bringing a group in 4 years," says Alex Kaminsky, who is only the fourth Florida band director since 1946 (the year of the first Midwest Clinic) to receive two invitations to perform at the international event. His first was in 2005 when he was band director at Lincoln High School in Tallahassee.

With over 15,000 attendees, all 50 states and more than 30 countries around the world are represented at the Midwest Clinic. Music educators from this country and around the globe involved with grade school, middle school, high school, college, military, adult, and professional groups all converge on Chicago once a year for this monumental conference. The music industry is also well-represented with music publishers, composers, instrument manufacturers, recording companies, stage equipment manufacturers, and uniform companies. Over 70 music colleges, universities, all military branches, music camps and every major music association also attend the Midwest Clinic. In December 2009, the Buchholz Wind Symphony will share the concert stage with such performing groups as the Eastman Wind Ensemble, the United States Coast Guard Band, and the Centro Instructivo Musical "La Armónica" de Buñol, Spain. **Congratulations** on this amazing accomplishment!



Buchholz Wind Symphony performs on Carnegie Hall stage on April 8, 2009

FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED TWO INVITATIONS TO PERFORM AT THE MIDWEST CLINIC SINCE THE 1ST CONFERENCE IN 1946

Coral Gables Senior High School Band	William Ledue	Coral Gables	Florida	1962
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Riverview High School Band	Andrew Crew	Sarasota	Florida	1975
Lakeland High School Wind Ensemble	John Carmichael	Lakeland	Florida	1982
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Lakeland Senior High School Symphony Band	Andrew Crew	Lakeland	Florida	1991
Lincoln High School Symphonic Winds	Alexander Kaminsky	Tallahassee	Florida	2005
Buchholz High School Wind Symphony	Alexander Kaminsky	Gainesville	Florida	2009