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Dear Symposium Participant:

I am very pleased that you will be joining us this February for the University of Illinois Conducting Symposium. Steven Davis and I have been in regular contact with each other, and we are both very excited about the weekend. I can promise a stimulating, challenging, thought-provoking, humbling, growth-filled, and gratifying time. We have received your registration, and are glad to have you “on board.” *If, for any reason, you are not planning to attend, please let us know IMMEDIATELY at bands@illinois.edu since we do have a waiting list.*

Here are a few of the details you need to know:

- 1) Repertoire: Listed on the web site. You should know about it by now. Everyone will conduct four times. Plan on conducting a couple of different large ensemble things, plus the chamber piece. The chamber session will be on Friday morning. Please see attached schedule.
- 2) While most of our time will be spent on the podium, there will be a couple of short discussion sessions. Please bring questions!
- 3) While we are expecting full ensembles, you are welcome to play if you would like. Please email me at bands@illinois.edu if you would like to play.
- 4) BE SURE to bring a thumb drive (recommend 4GB+) so we can record your daily work. This can be downloaded to your computer daily, if you bring one.
- 5) Friday’s session will be held in the Foellinger Great Hall at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.
- 6) Saturday’s session will be held in the historic Harding Band Building.
- 7) Maps and parking info is on the website: <https://bands.illinois.edu/content/illinois-band-conductors-symposium-0>
- 8) The Illinois Wind Symphony will present a concert on Friday night at 7:30pm in Krannert. We will provide you with a complimentary ticket for the event.

Please contact Joe Busuito at busuito2@illinois.edu or Joy at bands@illinois.edu if you have further questions.

I want to remind you that this symposium is about *you*.. It’s about where you are as a teacher and musician, and how to improve your skills and encourage your development. It will focus on the *teacher*–conductor, and ways to make you as effective as possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Peterson
Director of Bands