

## **FAQs for the day of Tallcorn**

*Where do the busses drop me off, and where can they park after we have unloaded?*

- For Russell Hall, the busses can drop bands off in the circular drive outside of Strayer Wood Theater (directly to the west of Russell Hall). Please DO NOT try to drive the busses into the parking lot directly adjacent to Russell, as it is difficult to turn around there.
- For the Gallagher Bluedorn, busses can drop bands off on the frontage road for Gallagher, just to the east of the building and right off of University Avenue
- Bus parking can be found to the west of campus, in the R (gravel) lot. Please see the Tallcorn parking maps on our website for clarification of where this is.

*What should I have with me when I go to check in?*

- Cymbals, cymbal stands, patch chords for all amps, and any auxiliary percussion
- Original scores or proof of purchase for any pieces being performed that day
- Five soloist forms filled out (see the Tallcorn website for [blank copies](#))
- Four band rosters filled out (also on the Tallcorn [website](#))
- Payment if you haven't already paid. We will not release your scores or comments until we have received payment for your band.
- A mailing address written down that we can use to send outstanding soloist forms to if you do not plan on staying for the awards ceremony at the end of the day.

### *What happens after registration?*

- You can start unloading gear in your assigned homeroom up to 2 hours before your warm-up time. You should have received an email from us letting you know which homeroom you have been assigned to. Please ask the registration table if you need help finding your homeroom.
- Shortly before your warm-up time a runner will meet you and escort you and your students to your warm-up room. This runner will stay with you through your warm-up, performance, and clinic to help with transportation, setup, and to keep each center running on time.

### *What happens after performance?*

- Your runner will escort you to a clinic on the music you just performed. This will last for about 20 minutes.
- Head back to your homeroom to pack up.
- As soon as you are done packing up, please check out at the registration table. We ask that you please check out within 25 minutes of the end of your clinic. If you are staying for the rest of the day, we will direct you to designated areas for storing instruments for the rest of the day.
- **Please label instruments clearly**, as multiple schools will be sharing the same space for storing instruments after checking out.
- All participants are welcome to participate in the rest of the festival. Students and directors can watch other bands performing in either center and attend our guest artist's clinic in Bengtson Auditorium on both days, all for free.

*Will there be food available for lunch?*

- Lunch will be available for purchase at our concession stands as well as at other on-campus locations - make sure your students bring money! We accept cash and card.

*How does the awards ceremony work? When/where can I pick up my packet?*

- The awards ceremony begins at 5:30 pm on each day, in the Great Hall in the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center. Attendance is free for all parents, directors, and students.
- The pre-awards ceremony will begin at 5:00 pm. Groups of UNI jazz students and/or faculty will perform a half-hour set. Feel free to check it out both days!

*Do you ship trophies?*

- No, in order to receive a trophy for first, second, or third place, you must attend the awards ceremony that night or arrange to pick them up soon after the festival.

*What should we do with our instruments if we want to go out to dinner and then come back for the concert?*

- Let the registration table know. We will store your instruments in a locked room in Russell Hall and will unlock it for you after the night concert finishes.

*What time does the concert start? How much are tickets?*

- The Sinfonian Dimensions in Jazz concert begins at 7:15 pm both nights. Tickets are \$12.75 for adults and \$7.75 for students.

- A code was sent out in the final mailing for a discounted group rate for all participating bands.
- Directors receive free tickets to the night concert if they just let us know no later than the Friday before the festival.

**If you still have questions, you can direct them to**

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We look forward to seeing you at this year's Tallcorn Jazz Festival!