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)