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TWO WESTERN MUSIC GROUPS SELECTED TO PERFORM

St. Joseph, Mo. — Nov. 25, 2003 —Two Missouri Western State College music groups, the Jazz Ensemble and the Symphonic Winds, have been selected to perform at the Missouri Music Educators Association's annual convention in January. The Jazz Ensemble is directed by Richard Yeager and the Symphonic Winds are directed by Jeffrey Hinton.

The groups will each perform a concert for elementary, junior high, high school and college music educators at the Tan Tara Resort in Osage Beach, Mo. More than 3,000 are expected to attend.

This is the second time the Symphonic Winds have been selected to perform at the convention. They were chosen for the 2000 convention and were ineligible to audition again until the 2004 convention. "It's the toughest crowd you ever played for," said Hinton. "By being chosen for two consecutive appearances, we've established ourselves as one of the top six concert bands in the state."

Audition tapes were sent from 10 colleges throughout the state, and Hinton noted that all bands competed for the same spots, regardless of their size, and that Western competed with several institutions much larger in size.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.