

Southern Star Music Festival **2009 Participant Information Packet**

Please read over all of the information contained in this package. For groups using a travel agent, be sure that the appropriate information in this package is available to both the directors and travel agents. This information is always available on the website at the home page. The schedules of dates, times, locations and judges are only posted on the website and is subject to change.

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Contact Information

www.starmusicfestivals.com

Call Toll Free **(877) 421- STAR** (7827) or **(678) 361-7108**.
or e-mail buckyandjanet@comcast.net

Mailing Address

Southern Star Music Festival
635 Sunset Drive
Norcross, GA 30071

Premium Package: Just \$62* Per Person includes:

- **Two-day Adult Admission Ticket to "Six Flags Over Georgia."** (The first one-day ticket must be used on one of the Music Festival weekends. The second ticket can be used anytime during the [Six Flags Over Georgia](#) current operating season.) The ticket cannot be split/shared. We encourage you to use the first day of your two-day pass on the Saturday of your performance weekend to attend the Awards Celebration.
 - **One Meal Ticket that is good at 12 restaurants in Six Flags to use anytime**
 - **One FREE Director's Package Per School**
 - **One FREE Bonus Package (minimum 15 packages purchased)**
 - **One FREE Package for Each 25 Purchased**
 - **[Festival T-Shirt](#) with each package**
 - **[Adjudication](#) by outstanding educators**
 - **Professional recording on CD (one per group)**
 - **Unique Trophy for each group**
 - **Sweepstakes Trophies for division winners**
 - **Awards Celebration in the Park** (Entrance requires an admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia)
- NOTE: Payment in full for the packages must be postmarked 30 days prior to the performance day to avoid a late fee of \$5.00 per package.**

Premium Chaperone, Parent, or Non-Participating Student Package: \$52 pp

- Includes a **Two-day Adult Admission Ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia** and a meal in the park.
 - **[Festival T-Shirt](#) with each package**
- * Registration Fees: \$100 for first group and \$75 for each additional group. This fee must be postmarked within two weeks of Online registration and is non-refundable.**

Basic Package: Just \$51* Per Person includes:

- **Two-day Adult (Full Price) Admission Ticket to "Six Flags Over Georgia."**
 - **One Meal Ticket that is good at 12 restaurants in Six Flags**
 - **One FREE Director's Package Per School**
 - **One FREE Package for Each 25 Purchased**
 - **[Adjudication](#) by outstanding educators**
 - **Professional recording on CD (one per group)**
 - **Unique Trophy for each group**
 - **Sweepstakes Trophies for division winners**
 - **Awards Celebration in the Park** (Entrance requires an admission ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia)
- NOTE: Payment in full for the packages must be postmarked 30 days prior to the performance day to avoid a late fee of \$5.00 per package.**

Basic Chaperone, Parent, or Non-Participating Student Package: \$41 pp

- Includes a **Two-day Adult Admission Ticket to Six Flags Over Georgia** and a meal in the park.
- * Registration Fees: \$100 for first group and \$75 for each additional group. This fee must be postmarked within two weeks of Online registration and is non-refundable.**

***All Choral adjudications will be held at the Doubletree Hotel at Windy Hill Rd.
All Instrumental adjudications will be held at the Doubletree except for April 24-25 and May 1-2 which will be held at Riverwood High School Auditorium.***

Make this year's
Southern Star Music Festival
a lasting memory...

Show your group pride and unity by wearing the T-shirt to the Awards Celebration! Don't miss this exciting opportunity.



The 2009 t-shirts are green with gold and yellow printing. They are available in youth large and adult small, medium, large, extra large and XXL. They are available in the Premium Package and can be picked up at the registration desk at your performance site.

Additional shirts will be available on site for \$15 each but supplies are limited.

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Festival Package Order Form (page 1)

Important: All money should be post marked by these Due Dates!
All Festival Package prices will increase by \$5.00 each for orders received after the post marked due date.

<i>Performance Date</i>	<i>Post Mark Date</i>
March 27-28	Tuesday, February 24
April 3-4	Tuesday, March 3
April 17-18	Tuesday, March 17
April 24-25	Tuesday, March 24
May 1-2	Tuesday, March 31
May 8-9	Tuesday, April 6

All participating students must purchase a Festival Package, the Six Flags Over Georgia Season Pass Holder Package or a Festival Only package. Students purchasing the Six Flags Season Pass Holder Package must have a valid Six Flags Over Georgia Season Pass. A special package is available for chaperones, parents and non-participating students.

School or Travel Agency: _____

Director or Travel Agent: _____

Mailing Address for festival packages: **NO** Post Office Boxes

Street: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number for this address: _____

T-Shirt size for Director(s) _____

Performance Date _____

Division: Choral Instrumental (Check one)

Payment

We do not accept credit cards. Make your check payable to the *Southern Star Music Festival* according to the schedule above and mail to this address: **635 Sunset Drive, Norcross, GA 30071.**

Amount _____ Check Number _____

Should you have any questions, please contact Bucky or Janet Johnson at 678-361-7108 or toll free at 1-877-421-STAR (7827).

E-mail address: buckyandjanet@comcast.net

www.starmusicfestivals.com

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You may combine packages in any way you wish.

Type of Package	Quantity	Price	Amount
A. Premium Festival Package *			
One Free Director's Package	1	FREE	FREE
Bonus Free Premium Package (minimum 15 purchased)		FREE	FREE
Premium Festival Package with Festival T-Shirt (specify sizes below)		@ \$62.00 Each	
One Free Premium Package for each 25 Premium Packages Purchased		ONE FREE per 25	FREE
B. Basic Festival Package			
One Free Director's Package	1	ONE FREE	FREE
Basic Festival Package		@ \$51.00 Each	
One FREE Basic Package for each 25 Basic Packages Purchased		ONE FREE per 25	FREE
C. Non-Participant Packages			
Chaperones/Parents/Non-Participating Students Package		@ \$41.00 Each	
Chaperones/Parents/Non-Participating Students Package - Including a Festival T-shirt		@ \$52.00 Each	
Total Number of Packages You Expect to Receive (A+B+C)		N/A	N/A
E. For Season Pass Holders			
Season Pass Holder Participant Festival participation with Meal Ticket		@\$31.00 each	
Premium Season Pass Holder Participant Festival participation with Meal Ticket and a Festival T-shirt		@\$42.00 each	
F. Other			
Additional Meal Tickets		@\$10.00 each	
Festival Only (no park or meal tickets)		@ \$21.00 each	
Processing Fee	N/A	\$15.00	\$15.00
Late Fee if check sent after postmark		\$5.00 per package	
GRAND TOTAL ENCLOSED	N/A	N/A	

***T-shirt Order due with order (Premium Packages Only)**

Youth Lg ___ Adult Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___ Total Shirts ___

Group Name _____ Perf. Date _____ Choral or Instrumental _____

The Doubletree Hotel
Atlanta NW - Marietta
is proud to be the host hotel for the
Southern Star Music Festival
Spring 2009

Festival dates are March 27 - May 9

Special Rate for all rooms - \$74.00 (plus 13% tax)

For up to 4 People Per Guestroom

Or \$92.00 (plus 13% tax)

Includes room rate plus breakfast buffet

For up to 4 People Per Guestroom

Conveniently located at I-75 N and Windy Hill Rd. (Exit 260)
2055 South Park Place, Atlanta 30339

It is only 5 miles to Riverwood HS, 10 miles to Six Flags
and less than 3 miles to Cumberland Mall.

There are 4 fast food locations on Windy Hill.

Hotel contact:

Lisa Martinez at 770-272-9441 Ext. 7153

lisa@resourcehospitality.com

Note: The Doubletree Ballroom is the performance location for all of the Choral Festivals and is the adjudication location for the Instrumental Festival on March 27-28 and April 3-4, 17-18 and May 8-9. The Instrumental adjudication location on April 24-25 and May 1 is Riverwood High School, which is only 5 miles from the hotel.

We look forward to hosting your group!

Southern Star Music Festival

General Information

Open to Senior High, Junior High School, Middle School and Elementary School.

Each group can select to enter for:

Competition & Rating — Rating Only — Comments Only

(Elementary schools can only compete in the middle school or show choir category)

Instrumental Division

- * Senior High School Band (concert/symphonic, wind ensemble)
- * Middle/Junior High School Band (concert/symphonic, wind ensemble)
- * Orchestra
- * Jazz Band
- * Elementary Band

Choral Division

- * Senior High School Choir (chamber, madrigal, concert, men's & women's ensembles)
- * Middle/Junior High School Choir (chamber, madrigal, concert, men's & women's ensembles)
- * Elementary School Choir
- * Jazz/Show Choir

Equipment

Choral groups: There will be sound shells in place at Choral locations. Five choral risers, a tuned grand piano, and two music stands will be provided. A microphone will be on stage for announcements. Playback equipment is available for those who require CD or taped accompaniment.

Note for Jazz/Show Choirs: Choral risers and sound shells will stay in place at all times. Groups must adapt to the performance space. A PA system with up to five microphones will be available for Jazz/Show Choirs.

Instrumental groups: Four timpani, chimes, xylophone, vibraphone, concert bass drum with stand, podium, and music stands will be provided.

Music Requirements

For adjudication in the **Instrumental or Choral Divisions**, there is not a required music list. However, school groups should choose literature appropriate for an educational festival. Please select two or three pieces. Jazz/Show Choirs should limit performance time to a maximum of 15 minutes.

On-Stage Clinic

If you choose, an on-stage clinic can be given by one of the judges immediately following your group's performance. The session (not to exceed ten minutes) will provide a more personal touch to the Festival and allow the judge to share his/her expertise about a particular musical discipline.

Atlanta Area Attractions

Georgia Aquarium (*one of the largest aquariums in the world*)

www.georgiaaquarium.org

Atlanta Braves

www.atlanta.braves.mlb.com

Stone Mountain Park (*Free Laser Show each night – check schedule*)

www.stonemountainpark.com

Medieval Times

www.medievaltimes.com/gahomepage.htm

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

www.atlantasymphony.org

Fox Theater (*Broadway Shows and Concerts*)

www.foxtheatre.org

Alliance Theater

www.alliancetheatre.org

CNN Center Tour

www.cnn.com/tour/

Centennial Olympic Park (*near CNN, World of Coca-Cola & King Center*)

www.centennialpark.com

The King Center

www.thekingcenter.org

World of Coca-Cola

www.woccatlanta.com

Zoo Atlanta and Cyclorama

www.zooatlanta.org

US Play (*Cosmic Bowling, video games & food near Towne Center Mall*)

www.usplay.com

Fernbank Museum IMAX

www.fernbank.edu/MUSEUM/imaxmenu.html

The Varsity (*unique Atlanta fast food – 6 locations*)

www.thevarsity.com

Cumberland Mall (*Close to both choral and instrumental sites*)

www.cumberlandmall.com

Perimeter Mall (*Near the instrumental site and GA400*)

www.perimetermall.co

Hard Rock Café

Call 404-688-ROCK

ESPN Zone Atlanta

www.espnzone.com/atlanta/

Southern Star Music Festival Tips

- Arrive at the Festival Site a minimum of one (1) hour prior to your performance time.
- The director should check-in at the registration desk as soon as possible. (Leave instrument cases on the bus.)
- Remember to bring three original scores of each piece to be performed.
- Warm-up times are *immediately prior* to your scheduled performance time.
- We encourage you to come early and stay late to listen to other groups perform.
- The on-stage clinic, if you select this at the registration desk, will be given by one of the adjudicators immediately following your group's performance. This will provide a unique personal touch to your group's festival experience and allow a judge to share his/her expertise about a particular musical discipline.

The Awards Celebration is at the Southern Star Amphitheater at Six Flags Over Georgia on Saturday at 7:00pm.

Park hours during the Festival (subject to change):

Saturdays, 10 AM to 8PM

Sundays, 10 AM to 8 PM

The park is normally not open on Friday until Memorial Day. You can check the Six Flags operating schedule at:

www.sixflags.com/parks/overgeorgia/index.asp

All Choral adjudications will be held at the Doubletree Hotel at Windy Hill Rd. All Instrumental adjudications will be held at the Doubletree except for April 24-25 and May 1-2 which will be held at Riverwood High School Auditorium.

Southern Star Music Festival
CHORAL DIVISION

Sponsored by: Six Flags Over Georgia

Information for: CONCERT CHOIR, TREBLE CHOIR, MALE CHORUS, CHAMBER CHOIR, MADRIGAL CHOIR AND JAZZ/SHOW CHOIR

1. The festival is open to Elementary, Middle School, Junior High, and Senior High School groups.
2. Groups may enter for Comments Only or Rating Only and may elect to participate in a mini-clinic. Groups may enter for Competition/Rating and will be considered for the Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy provided a minimum of two schools choose to enter for competition in their division. (divisions include: Middle School/Junior High Choir, Senior High Choir, or Jazz/Show Choir)
3. There is no required music list, however, groups are encouraged to select music of the highest quality. It is advisable to choose selections comparable to those found on state or national lists. The director must provide original scores (no photo copies allowed unless authorized by the publisher) of each selection labeled with the name of the school and with measures numbered.
4. **Groups will perform two or three works not to exceed a performance time of fifteen minutes.** Groups will be scheduled in twenty-five minute blocks to allow for the optional clinic session. There will be twenty minutes available for warm-up.
5. Groups should arrive one hour prior to performance time in their concert attire. **There are no changing facilities available.** The Director should check-in at the Registration table upon arrival.
6. The performances will be adjudicated by three experienced judges. Each judge will provide a numerical assessment and recorded comments on cassette tape. Groups will receive a rating based on the following scale: GOLD (90-100), SILVER (75-89), BRONZE (60-74), and BLUE (45-59). The composite rating would be determined as follows:

GOLD STANDARD (G)	GGG	GGS	GGB		
SILVER STANDARD (S)	GSS	GSSr	SSBr	SSS	
BRONZE STANDARD (Br)	GBrBr	SBrBr	BrBrBr	SBrBI	BrBrBI
BLUE STANDARD (BI)	SBIBI	BrBIBI	BIBIBI		
- The *Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy* will be awarded to the group in each of the three divisions entered for competition that received the highest numerical score in the GOLD STANDARD category.
7. Each group will receive a specially designed trophy to commemorate its level of achievement. **All trophies will be presented at the Saturday night Awards Celebration held in the Six Flags Southern Star Amphitheater at 7:00 p.m.** All festival participants should plan to attend this special event. Adjudicator packets will be distributed at this time. If you are unable to attend the Celebration, please indicate that at registration.
8. Equipment provided for Choral Groups: two music stands, five three-step choral risers and a tuned acoustic piano. There will be sound shells in the hall. One microphone will be on stage for announcements. Playback equipment is available for participants who require taped or CD accompaniment.

Note for Jazz/Show Choirs: Choral risers and sound shells will stay in place at all times. Groups must adapt to the performance space. A PA system with up to five microphones will be available for Jazz/Show Choirs.
9. Dates, locations, adjudicators and maps are available on the website.

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Choral Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 20 POINTS Beauty () Vitality () Support () Placement () Resonance () Focus ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Accuracy () Intonation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Precision () Rhythmic Energy () Attacks () Releases ()	
ENSEMBLE: 15 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
DICTION: 10 POINTS Communication () Vowels/Purity () Consonants/Clarity () Uniformity () Syllable Inflection () Foreign Language ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression () Articulation ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

Signature of Adjudicator: _____

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Jazz/Show Choir Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 15 POINTS Beauty () Vitality () Support () Placement () Resonance () Focus ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Accuracy () Intonation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Precision () Rhythmic Energy () Attacks () Releases ()	
ENSEMBLE: 15 POINTS Vocal Balance () Sectional Blend () Accompaniment Balance () Overall Blend ()	
DICTION: 10 POINTS Communication () Vowels/Purity () Consonants/Clarity () Syllable Inflection ()	
INTERPRETATION: 10 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression () Articulation ()	
CHOREOGRAPHY/STAGING: 10 POINTS Creativity () Appropriateness () Precision ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Audience Appeal ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

Southern Star Music Festival
INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

Sponsored by: Six Flags Over Georgia

**Information for: CONCERT BANDS, SYMPHONIC BANDS,
WIND ENSEMBLES, JAZZ BANDS AND ORCHESTRAS**

1. The festival is open to Middle School, Junior High, and Senior High School groups.
2. Groups may enter for Comments Only or Rating Only and may elect to participate in a mini-clinic. Groups may enter for Competition/Rating and will be considered for the Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy provided a minimum of two schools choose to enter for competition in their division. (i.e. Middle School/Junior High Band, Senior High Band, Jazz Band or Orchestra)
3. There is no required music list, however, groups are encouraged to select music of the highest quality. It is advisable to choose selections comparable to those found on state or national festival lists. The director must provide original scores (no photo copies allowed unless approved by the publisher) of each selection labeled with the name of the school and with measures numbered.
4. **Groups will perform two or three works not to exceed a performance time of twenty minutes.** Groups will be scheduled in thirty-minute blocks to allow for the optional clinic session. There will be twenty minutes available for warm-up.
5. Groups should arrive twenty minutes prior to warm-up in their concert attire. **There are no changing facilities available.** The Director should check in at the Registration table upon arrival.
6. The performances will be adjudicated by three experienced judges. Each judge will provide a numerical assessment and recorded comments on cassette tape. Groups will receive a rating based on the following scale: GOLD (90-100), SILVER (75-89), BRONZE (60-74), and BLUE (45-59). The composite rating would be determined as follows:

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- The Southern Star Sweepstakes Trophy will be awarded to the group in each of the three divisions entered for competition that received the highest numerical score in the GOLD STANDARD category.
7. Each group will receive a specially designed trophy to commemorate its level of achievement. **All trophies will be presented at the Saturday night Awards Ceremony held in the Six Flags Southern Star Amphitheater at 7:00 p.m.** All festival participants should plan to attend this special event. Adjudicator packets will be distributed at this time. If you are unable to attend the Celebration, please indicate that at registration.
8. Equipment provided: podium, chairs, stands, four timpani, chimes, xylophone, vibes, concert bass drum with stand and a tuned acoustic piano.
9. Dates, locations, adjudicators and maps are available at the website.

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Instrumental Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 20 POINTS Beauty () Support () Control ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Note Accuracy () Intonation ()	
TECHNIQUE: 15 POINTS Key signatures () Facility () Articulation ()	
RHYTHM: 15 POINTS Note Values () Precision ()	
ENSEMBLE: 10 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression ()	
OTHER: 10 POINTS Choice of Music () Response to the Director () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

DIVISION:

RATING:

Six Flags Over Georgia
Southern Star Music Festival
Jazz Band Adjudication

SELECTIONS: 1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

TONE QUALITY: 15 POINTS Beauty () Support () Control ()	
PITCH: 15 POINTS Note Accuracy () Intonation ()	
TECHNIQUE/RHYTHM: 20 POINTS Key signatures () Facility () Articulation () Note Values () Precision ()	
INTERPRETATION: 15 POINTS Tempo () Style () Phrasing () Dynamics () Expression ()	
ENSEMBLE: 10 POINTS Balance () Sectional Blend () Overall Blend ()	
IMPROVIZATION: 10 POINTS Appropriate style () Creativity () Staging/Balance ()	
OTHER: 15 POINTS Choice of Music () Stage Presence () Overall Musical Effect ()	
TOTAL	

GOLD (90-100) SILVER (75-89) BRONZE (60-74) BLUE (45-59)

COMMENTS:

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR: _____

Southern Star Music Festival

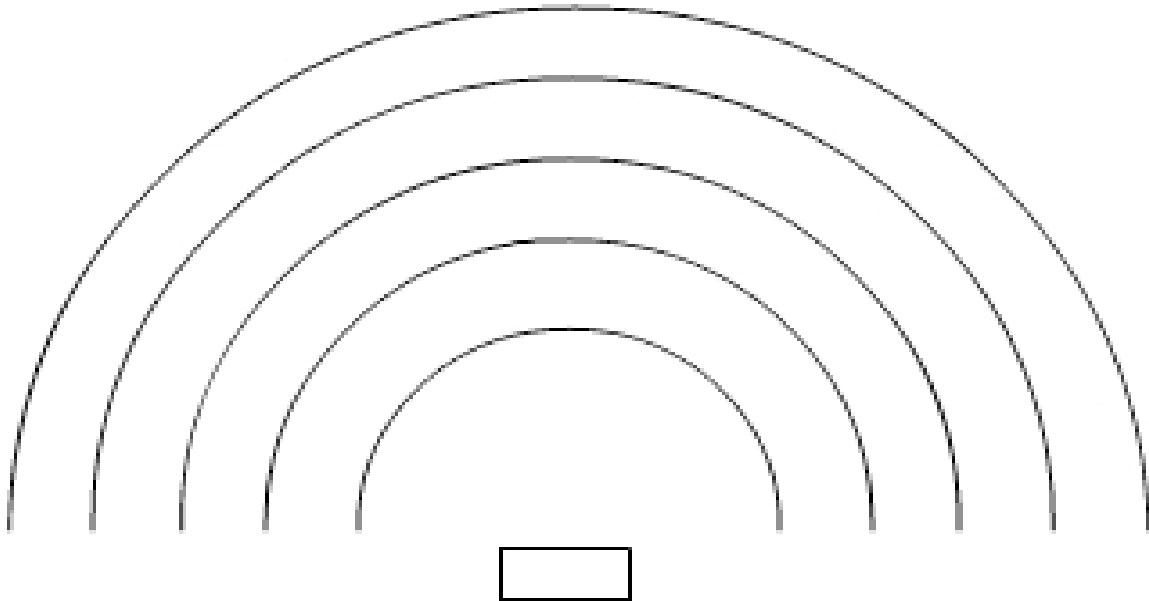
Instrumental Stage Plot

Please return with Festival Package Order Form

Name of performing group: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Director: _____



Total Number of chairs: _____

Total number of Stands: _____

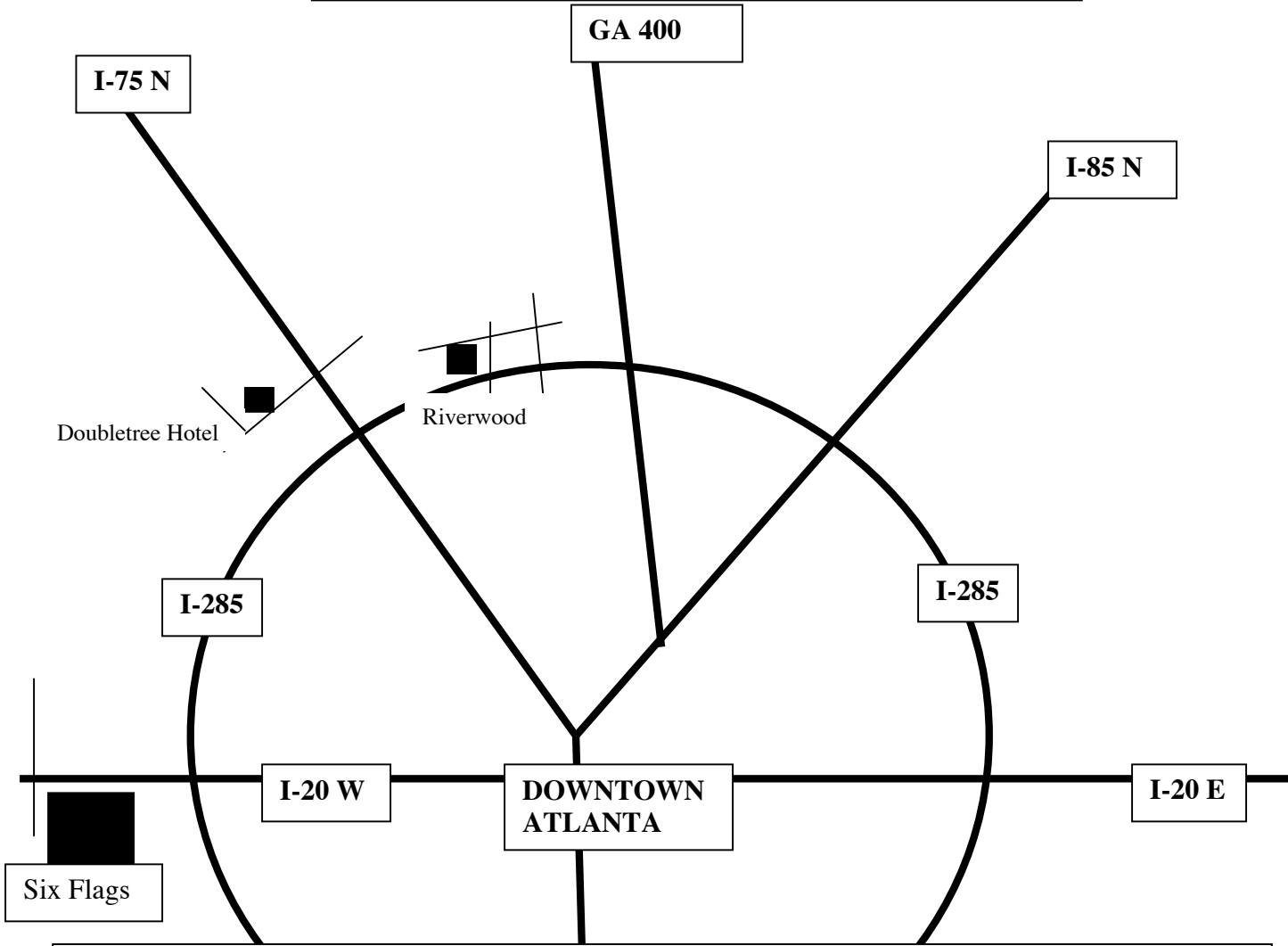
All bands will be arranged in a semi-circle formation. Please diagram your seating arrangement, location of all percussion, and placement of podium and/or other equipment.

Please use **X** for each chair and **•** for each music stand.

Indicate the number of chairs and stands per row:

	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5
Chairs (X):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Stands (•):	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Southern Star Music Festival General Map
 Map is NOT to scale – please use www.mapquest.com



This is a general reference map for your convenience. We suggest www.mapquest.com for specific directions.

Doubletree Hotel Atlanta NW/Marietta: I-75 Exit #260 at Windy Hill (first exit outside of I-285) and go west. Turn right at the Chik-fil-a (about 100 yards). The hotel is on the right. The phone number is 770-272-9441 and the address is 2055 South Park Place, Atlanta 30339.

Riverwood HS: 5900 Heards Dr. Atlanta 30328
 I-285 Exit 24 which is Riverside Dr. Go north on Riverside for about 500 yards and turn left at the light on Heards Ferry. At the next light, turn left on Heards Dr. Take first entrance into the school (75 yards on the right). Park at the top or back of the parking lot and leave cases on bus.

Southern Star phone is 678-361-7108