

**2017 FBA State Concert MPA**  
**April 18 – 21**  
**University of Florida**  
**Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**

**General Information**

The Curtis M. Phillips, MD Center for the Performing Arts is the professional performance venue for the University of Florida. More information can be found at <http://performingarts.ufl.edu/> The hall and stage have excellent acoustics and will have a complete professional sound shell in place during the event.(walls and cloud). The adjudicators will be seated in the front of the balcony, which provides the best listening vantage point.

**General Flow of Your State MPA Day (please see following schematic)**

- Buses will arrive for unloading and loading at the front entrance of the Phillips Center. A Band Guide will meet the busses and provide any last minute information.
- Directors will be escorted to the FBA Check-In area in the Second Floor Lobby of the Phillips Center upon arrival. Your adjudicator sheets and school packets will be available in this room after your performance.
- **No spectators, photographers or videographers will be permitted on the Balcony Level.**
- Bands will be shown to an assigned Case Storage Area (based on performance time and order). Students should store all items in this area prior to either going into the hall to listen to other bands or into the warm-up room prior to performance. This area will be monitored and secure at all times.
- Busses will be directed to move to the University Hilton parking lot (across SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street) once unloaded.
- *Please make sure you have the contact information for your bus drivers!*
- **Bands choosing to bring their own percussion equipment** will need to unload their truck or van directly through the Loading Dock on Stage Right. This would need to be done at least one band prior to your bands' performance, and must be reloaded immediately following the performance.

**Warm-Up Room – Squitieri Black Box Theater**

Chairs and Stands will be the only equipment provided in the warm-up room.

Bands will enter the warm-up room when directed by guides at their assigned times.

A set-up crew will assist in making sure the chairs and stands are set for your band, based on the seating chart you have previously submitted.

**When the prior band is finishing on the Main Stage**, the percussion section followed by your band will be escorted along the RED line and move to the Stage Entrance (back corner, stage right) behind the Main Stage. Once the band on stage clears, the percussion section may begin setting up and once chairs have been set for your band, you will be welcomed to the stage by a member of the stage crew. The stage crew will remain on stage until you are comfortable that your band set up is correct.

***Please check with the announcer and confirm pronunciations of all names and titles or any changes to your program prior to your scheduled performance time.***

**Following your performance**, your band will exit (back corner stage left) and follow the GREEN line back to your assigned Case Storage Area. Bands are then encouraged to listen to the next performance before collecting scores and packets and contacting bus drivers to signal their return to the front doors for pick-up.

**What We Need From YOU!**

**At least one week prior to the MPA, please email the following to [Watkins@ufl.edu](mailto:Watkins@ufl.edu):**

**Estimated arrival time**

**Number of buses**

**Seating Chart**

**Will you be bringing your own percussion equipment?**

**Day Of Event Contact Info**

Jay Watkins, Associate Professor and Associate Director of Bands – 352-339-6403

# University of Florida Phillips Center Driving and Parking Instructions

## **Parking:**

The circular driveway area immediately in front of the Performing Arts Center is for **band unloading and loading only**.

Surface Parking areas in front of the Performing Arts Center are for **Spectator Parking Only**.

**Bus Parking will be behind the University Hilton on SW 34th Street/Hull Road – immediately across from the UF Campus.** Please ensure Directors have communication with bus drivers so that drivers know when to return to Phillips Center for pick-up.

**UF Campus Map** - <https://campusmap.ufl.edu/>

## **From the North or South Via I-75**

Take the Archer Road Exit (mile/exit 384) and take Archer Road to the East. Follow Archer Road until taking a LEFT onto SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street (approx. 1 mile). Proceed to Second Light and turn RIGHT onto HULL ROAD and onto UF Campus. At top of slight incline, turn RIGHT into UF Cultural Plaza and go STRAIGHT towards the Phillips Center – it will be directly in front of you.

Drop-Off in Loop in Front of Building.

Buses follow Bus Route (Red Arrows on Map) around to e LEFT on HULL ROAD. Buses proceed to CROSS SW 34<sup>th</sup> Street and proceed to parking lots behind UF Hilton Conference Center.



# University of Florida Phillips Center Driving and Parking Instructions Overhead View



# Phillips Center Floor Plan and Flow

Pre-Performance Route (RED LINE)

Post-Performance Route (GREEN LINE)

