

**MISSISSIPPI CLARINET DAY**  
**Friday, April 1, 2011**

Dear Band Directors:

Thank you for your interest in Clarinet Day! We had a very successful event last year, and I am looking forward to another exciting day of events this year. Our guest artist is Mariam Adam, who plays clarinet in the Grammy-nominated Imani Woodwind Quintet. I have met Mariam before, and I know she will give an exciting concert and a lively, educational masterclass.

I have incorporated some of the suggestions that I received from directors after last year's event. This year, the \$5 registration fee will cover a lunch catered in from one of the Student Union vendors. This is one of the reasons that it is important that we collect lists of students attending before the event. I am asking that registration forms be returned by **Wednesday, March 23**.

We will also have a combined college/high school clarinet choir this year, led by Mr. Brian Pitts of Southaven, and a separate middle school group, led by Ms. Amy Langley and Ms. Marsha Morgan. Both will perform at the Student Union over the lunch hour. We will need your help in determining a seating arrangement before the students arrive. College students and advanced high school students will play the upper parts (1st and 2nd), while students with less experience will be more comfortable on the lower parts (3rd and 4th). For high school students, we might suggest Lion's Band or very motivated clarinetists might be assigned to 1st, upperclassmen seated near the top of your band might be assigned to 2nd, and enterprising clarinetists with less experience might be assigned to 3rd and 4th. Please indicate a level for junior high students as well, based on level of experience. We may need to make adjustments based on numbers. We will send out parts in advance, so please put your address on the registration form.

Mariam Adam's recital will take place at 1 pm in Nutt Auditorium, and there will be masterclasses and a recital by visiting faculty in the afternoon. A tentative schedule is posted at [www.olemiss.edu/clarinetday](http://www.olemiss.edu/clarinetday); please check back frequently for changes. Information will also be posted on the Facebook page for Mississippi Clarinet Day.

Thanks again for your interest, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

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