



## Edward Waters College Band Selected to Participate in 2009 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase

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**WHAT:** The stage is now set for the seventh annual Honda Battle of the Bands (HBOB) *Invitational Showcase*, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Ten top Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching bands have once again been chosen to participate in the 2009 *Invitational Showcase*, through a combination of online voting by fans, and a selection process involving HBCU band directors and university presidents.

Edward Waters College has been chosen as part of the 2009 lineup of marching bands, and will be honored by a representative of American Honda Motor Co. in a special campus presentation on **Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** in the Adams Jenkins Sports Complex atrium on the campus of Edward Waters College. Media interviews and photo opportunities are welcomed. The entire roster of winning bands includes:

- **Virginia State University** and **Fayetteville State University**, representing the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA);
- **Florida A&M University** and **North Carolina A&T State University**, representing the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC);
- **Tuskegee University** and **Kentucky State University**, representing the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC);
- **Jackson State University** and **Texas Southern University**, representing the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC);
- **North Carolina Central University** and **Edward Waters College**, both independents.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 13, 2008, 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Adams Jenkins Sports Complex Atrium, Edward Waters College  
Jacksonville, FL  
904-470-8250

**BACKGROUND:** Now celebrating its seventh year, the *Honda Battle of the Bands* is the largest and only national scholarship program that showcases the pageantry, heritage and showmanship of Historically Black College and University (HBCU) marching bands. The ten bands selected to appear in this year's Invitational Showcase will be awarded \$20,000 by American Honda for their music scholarship programs. They also will receive an additional \$1,000 grant for their participation in the Celebration Tour, HBOB's pre-qualifying event series. In total, \$244,000 in scholarship monies will be granted to HBCU music programs through this program for 2008-09.

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**Note:** Downloadable broadcast video footage and photos of the winning bands is available in the Press Box section of [www.HondaBattleoftheBands.com](http://www.HondaBattleoftheBands.com).