
SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE – WSU FACULTY & ALUMNI

FEBRUARY 13 – 15, 2025

The Wright State University School of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to present their [Honor Band Festival & Director Workshop!](#) We are excited to welcome you to our campus for two full days of music making and collaboration! The Festival will be held Thursday, February 13 through Saturday, February 15, 2025. Conductors for this year include: **Colonel Don Schofield, Dr. Carolyn Barber, Matt Matthews, Dr. Matthew Warner, and Vinnie Marshall.**

STUDENT NOMINATION & AUDITION PROCESS

- The application for each Director/Private Teacher to **nominate their best students for each of the bands** is located online: [Student Nomination Form](#) (Nominate, in rank order, up to 8 High School Concert Band + 8 Middle School Concert Band + 5 High School Jazz Band)
- Deadline to submit **nominations** is **Monday, December 9, 2024.**
- Directors/Private Teachers, by submitting your nominations you have confirmed student availability and interest in participating if selected.
- We make every effort to ensure that at least one student from your nomination list will be accepted so that ALL schools who submit a form will have representation at the Honor Band Festival.
- Students and their respective directors will be **notified** no later than **Tuesday, December 17, 2024** as to their acceptance to the Honor Band Festival.
- Selected students must **audition for band placement** by preparing a 1-2 minute video of a self-chosen solo/etude/band piece that demonstrates both technical and lyrical styles (percussion display both snare drum and keyboard percussion). This [video must be uploaded to this link](#) by the deadline, **Tuesday, January 14, 2025.** Students will be notified of their band placement shortly after. Those who do not submit a video or miss the deadline will automatically be placed in the second ensemble.

LOCATION & PARKING [MAP/DIRECTIONS](#)

- All ensembles rehearse in the Creative Arts Center and Student Union on the Wright State University campus.
- For the Creative Arts Center, use Parking Lot 13 on Thursday/Friday, and Lots 12 and 13 on Saturday
- For the Student Union, use Visitor Parking Lot 2

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (FREE concert admission; [Goodwill donations accepted](#))

High School – Jazz Band I (Warner)

Thursday: 4:00 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](#) or [upload here](#))
Rehearsals 4:30- 9:00 pm (Eat a healthy dinner before you arrive & bring a water bottle.)

Friday: 8:00 am - 7:45 pm (Eat a healthy breakfast before you arrive; bring approx. \$10-15 for lunch on campus, and bring a water bottle.)

CONCERT at 7:00 pm in Student Union Atrium (Dress clothes for concert attire)

High School – Jazz Band II (Marshall)

Thursday: 4:00 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](#) or [upload here](#))
Rehearsals 4:30- 9:00 pm (Eat a healthy dinner before you arrive & bring a water bottle.)

Friday: 8:00 am - 7:45 pm (Eat a healthy breakfast before you arrive; bring approx. \$10-15 for lunch on campus, and bring a water bottle.)

CONCERT at 7:00 pm in Student Union Atrium (Dress clothes for concert attire)

Middle School Band (Matthews)

Friday: 9:00 am REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](#) or [upload here](#))
Rehearsals 10 am – 5:30 pm (Eat a healthy breakfast before you arrive; bring approx. \$10-15 for lunch on campus, and bring a water bottle.)

Saturday: 9:30-11:30 am

CONCERT at 11:00 am in Schuster Hall (Dress clothes for concert attire)

High School – Symphonic Band (Barber)

Thursday: 4:30 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](#) or [upload here](#))
Rehearsals 5:30- 9:00 pm (Eat a healthy dinner before you arrive & bring a water bottle.)

Friday: 9:00 am - 6:45 pm (Eat a healthy breakfast before you arrive; bring approx. \$10-15 for lunch on campus, and bring a water bottle.)

Saturday: 10:00 am–12:30 pm

CONCERT at 12:00 pm in Schuster Hall (Dress clothes for concert attire)

High School – Wind Symphony (Schofield)

Thursday: 4:30 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](#) or [upload here](#))
Rehearsals 5:30- 9:00 pm (Eat a healthy dinner before you arrive & bring a water bottle.)

Friday: 9:00 am - 6:45 pm (Eat a healthy breakfast before you arrive; bring approx. \$10-15 for lunch on campus, and bring a water bottle.)

Saturday: 11:30 am–1:30 pm

CONCERT at 1:30 pm in Schuster Hall (Dress clothes for concert attire)

- **Concert Attire** for Honor Bands is **dress clothes**; Friends & family welcome to attend the free concert
- Students should dress casual-comfortable for all rehearsals; bring any snacks and a water bottle.
- Remember to bring: music, pencil, any reeds and mutes, etc.
- Concert will be live-streamed on [WSU Music Facebook Page](#)
- There will be no printed programs available at the concert. Program options: QR code at concert to download to your mobile phone; large printed poster at concert to take a picture to your mobile device; or download and print a program from the [Honor Band Website](#) on day of concert

MUSIC PREPARATION

- [Music parts](#) will be posted on the [Honor Band website](#) at least 2 weeks in advance of the Festival. Print, prepare and bring all music parts with you!
- Directors, please help coach your students in preparing their repertoire before attending the Festival.

HONOR BAND STUDENT FEES

- The fee for each participant is \$55.00. [Payment](#) must be received by **Friday, January 31, 2025**. Alternate students may be selected to replace students who have not paid by this date. All fees are non-refundable, even in the event of inclement weather.

MEALS & SNACKS

- Meals and snacks are the responsibility of the students and directors. You should bring snacks and a water bottle, and approximately \$12-15 for lunch on Friday which is catered by City Barbeque.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

- Any hotel reservations are to be made by the director or student's guardians.
- Hotels near Wright State: <https://www.wright.edu/admissions/undergraduate/nearby-accommodations>

DIRECTOR WORKSHOPS - FRIDAY

- A [Professional Development](#) component for Directors will be offered on Friday, including workshops presented by guests and WSU Music Faculty, and time available to observe honor band rehearsals.
- Directors must register in advance by contacting Bill Jobert at William.jobert@wright.edu
- A certificate will be distributed to document professional development hours.

AUDITION TO WSU SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

- High school seniors have the opportunity to **audition on-site** for acceptance into the Music Education or Music Performance degree program at Wright State University. One successful auditionee will be awarded with the **WSU School of Fine and Performing Arts Honor Band Scholarship**.
- If you have a student interested in auditioning for acceptance and a scholarship to the WSU School of Fine and Performing Arts, please have them complete these 3 steps:
 1. [Register here](#) to indicate your interest in auditioning for the WSU School of Music during Honor Band on **Friday, Feb. 15**.
 2. Complete the online [Undergraduate Music Application](#). (For audition date, select "February 15, 2025 WSU Honor Band Festival")
 3. Apply for [admission to Wright State University](#).
- If you are considering Wright State University for your music degree, you are invited to contact your applied area to arrange for a free lesson:

School of Fine and Performing Arts Wind & Percussion Faculty

[Dr. Christopher Chaffee](#) – Flute

[Ashley Noble](#) – Oboe

[John Kurokawa](#) – Clarinet

[William Jobert](#) – Bassoon

[Frankie Wantuch](#) – Saxophone

[Matt Anklan](#) – Trumpet

[Andrew Bass](#) – Horn

[Dr. Gretchen McNamara](#) – Trombone

[Isaac Slavens](#) – Euphonium & Tuba

[Gerald Noble](#) – Percussion

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- The WSU School of Fine and Performing Arts Honor Band Scholarship will be announced at the Final Concert.