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Annual

Honor Band Festival &

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Director Workshops

School of Fine and Performing Arts

*A tradition of Excellence – WSU Faculty & Alumni* February 12 – 14, 2026

The Wright State University School of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to present their [Honor Band Festival & Director Workshop!](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school) We are excited to welcome you to our campus for two full days of music making and collaboration held Thursday, February 12 through Saturday, February 14, 2026. Conductors for this year include **Frank Tracz**, **Robert Meunier,** **Kyle Freesen**, **Eric Lechliter,** and **Jessica Sneeringer.**

# Student NominationS --- Audition Process --- Band Placement ---Parts

* **Deadline for directors/teachers to submit nominations** is **Monday, December 8, 2025.**
  + Nominate your **best students** for **each of the bands** online: [Student Nomination Form](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school) (Nominate, in rank order, up to 8 High School Concert Band + 8 Middle School Concert Band + 5 High School Jazz Band). (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.
* **Notification of acceptance** to the Honor Bandwill be announcedby **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**.
  + *Only after* a High School student has been notified of *acceptance*, they must then **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).
  + Those who do not submit a video or miss the deadline will automatically be placed in the second ensemble.
* **High School band placement audition** [video must be uploaded to this link](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Et1aNaTL76VBhHWoA_eJlXAB85aTQp8Cqzsn5uE-fVu2HQ?e=UZAhao)by the **deadline, Tuesday, January 13, 2026.**
  + WSU Faculty will review all videos, and students will be notified of their band placement and sent a link to [download and prepare your assigned music](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/En3SCm4e1_lDiAn3IHUjAVsBlKhKFiQy_WCOvc-YdfOMNg).

# Check-IN, Location & Parking [Map/Directions](https://www.wright.edu/admissions/undergraduate/directions-and-parking)

* The **Middle and High School Concert Bands** rehearse in the **Creative Arts Center** (Rooms 180, 190 & Schuster Hall); use Parking Lot 13 on Thursday/Friday, and Lots 12 and 13 on Saturday. You will check-in at registration in the Commons area at the main entrance of the Creative Arts Center.
* The **High School Jazz Ensembles** rehearse in the **Student Union** (Rathskeller and Emerald Rooms) on the Wright State University campus; use Parking Lots 1, 1A, and 4. You will check-in at registration inside main entrance of the Student Union where WSU students will escort you to your rehearsal location.

# Festival Schedule (FREE concert admission; [Goodwill donations accepted](https://was.wright.edu/onlinegiving/give/fund/RP__552009))

**High School – Jazz Band I (Lechliter)**

Thursday: 4:00 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school#registration) or [upload here](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Era_4Yq4DpNKufJWFoe6Z3IBRkxAtKLElfm2yKSbzJ1uMQ?e=E4EP3H))

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 (Sneeringer)**

Thursday: 4:00 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school#registration) or [upload here](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Era_4Yq4DpNKufJWFoe6Z3IBRkxAtKLElfm2yKSbzJ1uMQ?e=E4EP3H))

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 (Freesen)**

Friday: 9:00 am REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school#registration) or [upload here](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Era_4Yq4DpNKufJWFoe6Z3IBRkxAtKLElfm2yKSbzJ1uMQ?e=E4EP3H))

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 (Meunier)**

Thursday: 4:30 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school#registration) or [upload here](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Era_4Yq4DpNKufJWFoe6Z3IBRkxAtKLElfm2yKSbzJ1uMQ?e=E4EP3H))

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 (Tracz)**

Thursday: 4:30 pm REGISTRATION begins (remember to bring your [signed waivers](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school#registration) or [upload here](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/Era_4Yq4DpNKufJWFoe6Z3IBRkxAtKLElfm2yKSbzJ1uMQ?e=E4EP3H))

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 Band Final Concert is **dress clothes**; All are welcome to attend the free concert
* Concert will also be live streamed on [WSU Music Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/WrightStateMusic)
* There will be no printed programs. 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](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/music/honor-band-middle-high-school) on day of concert.

# What to Bring if you are Selected --- Meals ---attire

* Print, prepare and bring all music parts with you! [Honor Band Music 2026](https://raidermailwright.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/SecureFileShare/En3SCm4e1_lDiAn3IHUjAVsBlKhKFiQy_WCOvc-YdfOMNg)
* Bring: music, pencil, reeds and mutes, etc.
* **Jazz Band bass and guitar students must bring their own amplifier**
* Meals and snacks are the responsibility of students and directors. You should bring snacks and a water bottle, and approximately $10-15 for lunch on Friday which is catered by **City Barbeque**.
* Dress casual-comfortable for all rehearsals; Dress clothes for concert attire on Saturday.

# Honor Band Student Fees

* The fee for each participant is $55.00. [Payment](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school) must be received by **Friday, January 30, 2026**. 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.

# Hotel AccomModations

* Any hotel reservations are to be made by the director or student’s guardians.
* **Tru Hotel by Hilton:** Rate: $104 per night, plus tax; includes breakfast
* **Courtyard by Marriott**: Rate**:** $116.00 per night, plus tax. Click here for special Honor Band Weekend rate: [**Book your group rate for WSU Honor Band**](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.marriott.com%2Fevent-reservations%2Freservation-link.mi%3Fid%3D1758121239317%26key%3DGRP%26app%3Dresvlink&data=05%7C02%7Cshelley.jagow%40wright.edu%7C978263b524c24cfa700708ddf5fb3e4c%7C5c46d65dee5c45138cd4af98d15e6833%7C0%7C0%7C638937181616207130%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=s4BER%2BC80YXAPuuyyJS1SgPXu4%2BTMG%2B43Rmp844RKBc%3D&reserved=0)
* View other [Local Hotel Rates.](https://www.wright.edu/controller/contracted-suppliers#hotel)

# Director Workshops - Friday

* A FREE [Professional Development](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/fine-and-performing-arts/honor-band-middle-and-high-school) 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 **no later than Monday, February 9** by contacting Bill Jobert at [William.jobert@wright.edu](mailto: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/Performance degree program at Wright State University. One successful auditionee will be awarded the **WSU - SoFPA Honor Band Scholarship** to be announced at the Final Concert.
* 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](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/forms.gle/LjSN3taHt3FcN9Kq6__;!!On18fmf1aQ!mTNb_1El99HEPwn-pzpHXwyOwOyY99QoE2IQDVVIsn0PthCm1T9pXigATdcCucjG4CiS2gg$) to indicate your interest in auditioning for the WSU School of Music during Honor Band on **Friday, Feb. 14.**
2. Complete the online [Undergraduate Music Application](https://webapp2.wright.edu/music/apply.php).
3. Apply for [admission to Wright State University](https://liberal-arts.wright.edu/admission-and-aid/undergraduate-admission).

* If considering Wright State for your music degree, contact your applied area to arrange for a free mini lesson:

***School of Fine and Performing Arts Wind & Percussion Faculty***

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[**Matt Anklan**](mailto:matthew.anklan@wright.edu) **– Trumpet**

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[**Dr. Gretchen McNamara**](mailto:gretchen.mcnamara@wright.edu) **– Trombone**

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