

Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble

**2008-2009
Handbook**

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A Wind Band for Advanced High School Students

2008 - 2009 school year

Mission Statement

The Greater Hartford Youth Wind Ensemble is a large wind ensemble for very advanced students playing wind or concert band instruments. It is a great opportunity to meet like-minded high school-aged musicians from throughout Connecticut and Western Massachusetts. GHYWE performs regularly throughout the Hartford area and takes advantage of many opportunities given to such talented musicians.

Rehearsals

Sundays from 5:30 – 7:30 pm P.M. in Bliss Music Room on the second floor of The Hartt School, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117.

Concerts

GHYWE generally produces 2-3 concerts per year and all events are updated regularly on our school website <http://hcd.hartford.edu>. Most concerts are recorded professionally and available for purchase by families whose child participates in the ensemble. For more information, contact the ensemble manager at ghywe@hartford.edu.

Membership

Members of GHYWE are typically in grades 9-12. Participation in GHYWE is based on an academic calendar, beginning in September and ending in May.

GHYWE General Information:

- Performs a high level of traditional and contemporary wind ensemble repertoire for high-school wind, brass and percussion students
- Provides full ensemble and sectional rehearsals
- Past repertoire includes music by Fillmore, Grainger, Husa, Holst, Persichetti, and Schumann
- Recorded a CD in 1998 and commissioned a new work by Douglas Akey in 2000
- Led by Glen Adsit, Director of Bands and a conducting professor at the Hartt School

Performances occur as follows:

- Performances are presented several times a year, consisting of 2 full-scale performances, one in the fall and one in the spring.
- GHYWE has performed chamber music concerts in March to showcase their students with a different genre of literature and style.
- Additional concerts may be scheduled if a significant performance opportunity arises.

Leadership

Leadership is provided by the Community Division, the music directors, and managers. The Music Director is Glen Adsit. Please contact the Community Division office with questions at (860) 768-4451. This ensemble has a manager to organize the needs of the ensemble and help answer questions of parents and students.

Performance Attire

Ladies – long, black skirt or black pants, closed-toe black shoes, white dress shirt.
Gentlemen – black tux, black socks, black dress shoes, black tie, white shirt

Tuition and Fees

Students who take private lessons with the Hartt Community Division participate in GHYWE free of charge. Students who do not take private lessons with the Hartt Community Division may register for the year and pay \$500 plus a \$25 registration fee.

Requirements

Instrumentalists who have been accepted into GHYWE must submit a registration form with appropriate tuition and fees. The submission of a signed registration form with tuition and fees indicates agreement to the calendar and absence policy listed in this handbook. It also indicates that the student and his/her parents have read the handbook, looked at the yearly calendar, and are willing to make a commitment to the organization for the coming year. A student who does not fulfill his/her commitment to the organization may jeopardize current and future membership in the organization.

Attendance Policy

Attendance and active participation at all rehearsals /classes is crucial to the success of any organization such as GHYWE. It is expected that all members will demonstrate responsibility, punctuality, and dependability as part of their commitment to the organization. Commitment to an organization often includes making choices that are difficult. If a student knows that he/she will have to be absent from a rehearsal /class, then he/she should complete an absence form (see attached) and turn it into the manager. Excessive absence (more than twice per semester) is not acceptable and may result in dismissal. In the case of illness, members are expected to call and leave a message (860-768-4451) or email the manager at ghywe@hartford.edu. At the next rehearsal /class, students should fill out an absence form and turn it into the manager.

Expectations

1. Members of GHYWE are expected to attend all designated rehearsal and performance dates listed on the 2008-2009 Calendar. If additional rehearsals and/or performances are required, they will be communicated well in advance. Members are not expected to attend rehearsals on religious holidays or rehearsals that are in conflict with school music performances. Rehearsals and performances that conflict with school music performances need to be communicated in writing to the manager as early as possible.
2. Members who miss more than two rehearsals before a concert may be asked not to perform. Members who miss performances (except in the case of illness or family emergency) will not be considered for future membership.
3. Members are responsible for all music or supplies checked out to them and must pay for anything that is lost or damaged.
4. Members are expected to demonstrate a high level of self-discipline, maturity, and professionalism at all times. They are expected to be courteous, polite, and respectful of other instrumentalists and adults. Members who cannot abide by these expectations will be dismissed from the organization.

Percussionist Expectations

1. Percussionists are expected to help set up and remove percussion equipment prior to, and following every rehearsal and performance.
2. Percussionists must arrive at least 20 minutes early and plan to stay at least 20 minutes late for every rehearsal and performance to allot time for care of equipment.

At Rehearsals

1. Instrumentalists should plan to be in place and ready to begin with all the music and materials 15 minutes before each rehearsal.
2. Each instrumentalist should always keep a **sharpened pencil** in his/her folder.
3. Instrumentalists should not ask to be excused to visit the restroom or water fountain unless it is an emergency. Drinks and restroom trips should be taken care of before rehearsal.

4. Instrumentalists should be attentive to all directions and follow them quickly. All communication with the directors and managers should occur before or after rehearsals, or at a designated break.
5. Instrumentalists are responsible for knowing assigned music when they come to a rehearsal.
6. Food and beverages may not be consumed during rehearsals, except for water.
7. Folders should be kept neat and organized. A calendar should be kept in the folder at all times.

At Performances

1. Instrumentalists should plan on being in place at the designated time.
2. Instrumentalists are required to wear the designated attire at all performances. Members who do not dress appropriately will not be allowed to perform.
3. Instrumentalists who do not attend the final rehearsal before the performance may not perform with the ensemble.

Admission to Concerts

There is an admission charge to all GHYWE concerts – families will be notified of exceptions. Tickets may be purchased online at www.hartford.edu/hartt or by calling the University Box Office at (860) 768-4228. The Box Office, located in the lobby of Lincoln Theater, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased up to six weeks in advance and are also sold at the door beginning one hour prior to each event.

GHYWE
Advance Absence Form

Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Date of Absence: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Reason for
Absence: _____

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