



*Dear Motivated Band Student,*

You should consider joining the **New Hampshire Youth Band**. Since 1996 band students who really enjoy school band have joined the New Hampshire Youth Band to be part of a very rewarding and challenging ensemble. You could be part of this band with UNH music students and other dedicated high school and advanced middle school players. We will prepare a concert in just a few weeks while you continue to enjoy playing your instrument even more. The band will be well balanced (it will have enough players of every instrument) to sound professional and well in tune with the UNH players in each section.

Good players who love playing their instrument with musical friends come from all around the seacoast region each week. UNH music majors coach and play in every section to help students master their parts. We use the university's excellent equipment and fine concert hall. All of this allows us to produce a concert in just ten rehearsals.

Last year Youth Band students from

Barrington, Bedford, Berwick, Brentwood, Dover, Durham, Eliot, Epping, Exeter, Farmington, Kingswood, Lee, Madbury, Newmarket, Plaistow, Portsmouth, Rochester, Sanborn and Stratham joined the band.

Many will be back again this fall! New players from new schools and towns will join, too.

UNH Professor of Music Mark DeTurk, Jon Ludwig, Band Director at the Coe-Brown Academy and Sean Meagher from Epping Middle High School conduct the band. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings beginning September 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Band Room at the Paul Creative Arts Center at UNH.

The band meets for two ten-week sessions each year. Ten rehearsals in the fall between September 16 and November 11 precede the fall concert on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 pm. The winter session rehearsals begin Wednesday, January 27 and conclude Wednesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. Your \$100 tuition each semester covers all costs including concert admission for your family and friends.

You should feel free to encourage a friend to join the band with you. By doing so you will have an instant friend and colleague in the band, and you may create a carpool arrangement that makes travel to rehearsals easier to manage.

If you are interested, you should contact Professor DeTurk at [mark.deturk@unh.edu](mailto:mark.deturk@unh.edu) or call the UNH Department of Music at (603) 862-2404 to get placed on the email list and to reserve a space. All students grade 6 and above will be accepted. There will be short auditions simply to make seating assignments. Tuition payment will be due by the second rehearsal - September 23.

I hope we get the chance to make music together in the **New Hampshire Youth Band** this fall. Please write directly to me to let me know of your interest.

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