



Junior Winds

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the youth ensembles at Capital University?

The three youth ensembles hosted by Capital University are premier performance programs, nurturing and inspiring young artists in grades 6 through 12. They provide members with a high quality and innovative artistic experience and strive to encourage musical and personal growth through the art of performance.

Members are selected through annual auditions, held in spring of each year. More than 35 local schools are represented in the membership.

The youth ensembles include three performing ensembles:

Capital Cadet Band (CCB) is led by music educator Susan O'Rourke, and provides quality instruction and enrichment for students in grades 6-8 who have been playing their woodwind, brass or percussion instrument for at least one year.

Junior Winds is led by Ryan Alexis and provides high-level instruction and repertoire for band students in grades 8-9. This ensemble plays music to challenge advanced young musicians.

Columbus Youth Symphonic Band (CYSB) is led by Capital University Director of Bands Dr. Jeffrey Gershman. CYSB was created to provide an advanced performance experience for the finest high school wind and percussion musicians in grades 10-12.

When and where are the Junior Winds rehearsals?

Junior Winds rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the Crist Room of the Conservatory of Music at Capital University. The first rehearsal is in September, and the final concert of the year is in early May. We take a few weeks off in December for Winter Break.

When and where are the Junior Winds concerts?

We have three concerts per year on Sunday afternoons in November, March and May. They are held in Mees Hall auditorium, in the same building as our rehearsals.

How much is tuition?

There is a tuition fee of \$285 per year for membership in the Junior Winds.

Questions about auditions:

When are auditions? Auditions are held every spring.

What should I play for my audition? You should find a selection of music that best demonstrates your current ability. You will also be asked to play scales (Concert B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, F, C, and chromatic) and sightreading.

What instruments do you accept? Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Baritone/Euphonium, Tuba, Percussion.

Can I borrow an instrument, such as bass clarinet, from Capital? No, you must provide your own instrument. Percussionists should bring sticks and mallets. Capital will provide drums, mallet instruments, and auxiliary percussion instruments.

Am I eligible to audition for Junior Winds? Students who will be in eighth or ninth grade in the coming fall and participate in their school band programs are eligible to audition. Homeschool students may waive the school music participation requirement.



I'm ready
to apply!

What do I
do next?

Register for an audition by completing the online application form at www.capital.edu/JuniorWinds. Audition results will be sent via mail upon completion of all auditions. You will receive results promptly.

I still have questions...

If these FAQ's do not answer your questions, please feel free to email director Ryan Alexis at ralexis@wscloud.org.