CNHB Membership Information

Ensembles

Advanced Band:
Concert band for players with at least 2 years experience on their instrument.

Intermediate Band:
Concert band for players with 1-2 years experience.

Beginning Band:
Concert band for players with no previous musical experience or refresher class.

Crescent Moon Jazz Band:
Jazz band for players with at least 2 years of experience on their instrument.

Beginning Jazz Band:
Jazz band for players with at least 1 year experience on their instruments but no prior experience playing jazz.

Improvisation Class:
Class for players with at least 3 years experience on their instrument and 2 years playing jazz.

Chamber Groups:
For all levels of playing. If you are interested in performing in a chamber group, please contact your private lesson instructor or your band director.

Costs

Band Membership:
Beginner Concert Band: $150 per semester (includes 10 private lessons)
All Other Bands: $100 per semester for one band; $140 for 2+;
Private lessons: $100 per semester
Jazz Improvisation: $150 per semester

Schedule

Monday evenings in the USC String Project Building
5:30-6:45 All Concert bands (advanced, intermediate, and beginner)
7:00-8:00 Jazz bands (Beginner and Crescent Moon)

Thursday evenings in Room 012 at the School of Music
6:30-7:30 Junior Varsity Improv (Beginner to intermediate)
7:40-8:30 Varsity Improv (Intermediate to early advanced)

For questions about jazz improv groups, please contact John Valerio at jvalerio@mozart.sc.edu
Instruments

We strongly encourage our members to purchase their instruments through Pecknel Music, 732 Saluda Avenue, Columbia, (803) 799-6860. Used or pre-owned instruments are also an option; please discuss with NHB staff.

Note: When buying an instrument through a store, please make certain that the store is a member of National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). You will know by a large blue and silver NAMM sticker on the store door or window.

Private Lesson Program

For Beginner Concert Band Members

Each person will receive 10 half hour lessons per semester as part of their primary instruction. Lessons are included in dues.

For 2nd year + players

Members can take lessons for an additional fee of $100 per semester.

Lesson Frequency and Length

Each person enrolled in the lesson program will receive 10 half hour lessons per semester

Lesson Staff

All lesson staff are undergraduate or graduate students at the USC School of Music and have been approved by NHB directors. Members may choose the staff member they would like to study with; if the member does not have a preference, a teacher will be assigned.

Lesson Scheduling

Lessons may be scheduled at times and locations convenient to the teacher and the student. If the teacher is willing, lessons may be taught in member's homes.

Lesson Cancellation/Rescheduling

If cancelled by teacher: A make-up lesson is guaranteed and should be scheduled at the earliest possible convenience. Extending a scheduled lesson for additional time does not fulfill this requirement.

If cancelled by NHB member: Every effort will be made to reschedule a make-up lesson. In the event that a make-up lesson cannot be rescheduled, the member will receive either a refund for the cost of the lesson or a credit for an additional lesson during the next semester. In unique circumstances, make-up lessons will be at the discretion of the NHB director.

Cancellations should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson day and time.

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