



# SPARTAN YOUTH WIND SYMPHONY

## 2025–2026 SEASON

### Information for Members

<http://www.music.msu.edu/SYWS>

Open to the most outstanding Michigan high school instrumentalists (rising freshman, rising sophomore, rising junior, and rising senior woodwind, brass, and percussion instrumentalists), the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony provides students the opportunity to rehearse in a unique university setting. Students will perform and interact with peers from across our state and receive instruction from MSU College of Music faculty and graduate students. They will enhance their skills as musicians and ensemble performers through the exploration of advanced-level repertoire in an inspired rehearsal atmosphere. Each semester culminates in combined performances with the MSU Wind Symphony, Symphony Band or MSU Alumni Concert Band.

#### 2025-2026 FEES & TUITION (non-refundable)

- Annual tuition for participation in the 2024-2025 SYWS - \$300
- Members of the 2024 MSBOA All-State Bands or Orchestra are eligible for a \$100 discount off the tuition fee

#### REHEARSALS

- Rehearsals are in the MSU Music Building, from 2:00–5:30 PM
  - ELEVEN Fall Sundays, 2025: September 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16
  - TWELVE Spring Sundays, 2026: January 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 12, 19
- Rehearsals will consist of both full ensemble rehearsals and small group sectionals. Masterclasses with MSU faculty will also take place during selected rehearsals.

#### PERFORMANCES

All Performances take place on the Michigan State University campus.

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – 3:00 PM – In conjunction with the MSU Symphony Band at the Wharton Center

Sunday, April 26, 2026 – 3:00 PM – In conjunction with the MSU Wind Symphony at the Wharton Center

#### HONORS CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

In addition to the Wind Symphony, the extensive SYWS Chamber Music Program provides the most outstanding musicians the opportunity to perform with one of nine Honors Chamber Ensembles, including brass and woodwind quintets, saxophone and tuba/euphonium quartets, chamber wind ensemble, flute choir, clarinet choir, brass choir, and percussion ensemble. The chamber ensembles are coached by MSU College of Music graduate students and faculty and perform on a chamber recital at the end of each semester.

Fall Recital: Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 2:30pm

Spring Recital: Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 2:30pm

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

Commitment to the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony lasts two semesters (academic year) and attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. The only exception to this requirement is a conflict with a school music organization - members are expected to support his/her school music program. **MANDATORY - ALL SYWS members must be present at the final TWO rehearsals before each concert.**

**QUESTIONS?** If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to email **Dana Sedatole** at [MUSIC.syws@msu.edu](mailto:MUSIC.syws@msu.edu) or visit the SYWS website, <http://www.music.msu.edu/SYWS>.