



SPARTAN YOUTH WIND SYMPHONY

2026–2027 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, and the MSU Symphony Band.

2026-2027 FEES & TUITION (non-refundable)

- Annual tuition for participation in the 2026-2027 SYWS - \$400
- Members of the 2025 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, 2026: August 30, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15
 - TWELVE Spring Sundays, 2027: January 24, 31, Feb. 7, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25
- Sunday rehearsals will consist of a full ensemble rehearsal, instrument specific masterclass/section rehearsal and a chamber (small group) ensemble rehearsal.

PERFORMANCES

All Performances take place on the Michigan State University campus.

Sunday, November 22, 2026-3:00PM-in conjunction with the MSU Wind Symphony at the Wharton Center
Sunday, May 2, 2027 – 3:00 PM – In conjunction with the MSU Symphony Band 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, 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 15, 2026 at 2:00pm
Spring Recital: Sunday, April 18, 2027 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 or visit the SYWS website, <http://www.music.msu.edu/SYWS>.