



A Closer Look at Our Band Programs

Symphonic Band

A concert band comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomore students. In this ensemble, students will develop instrumental techniques and fundamentals through the performance of quality wind band music.

Wind Ensemble

A concert band for advanced instrumental musicians. Students perform the highest level band literature and are expected to contribute individual artistry to the ensemble. Participation in this group is by audition.

Percussion

Students will perform percussion specific repertoire as well as participate in the Drumline and Concert Bands.

Marching Band

Students from Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Percussion join together to form the award-winning Ballard High School Marching Band. This group performs at athletic events, pep assemblies, and parades.

Jazz Band II

For beginning to intermediate wind and rhythm section players who would like to learn the art of playing jazz and the skill of improvisation. This group meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays each week.

Jazz Band I

A highly advanced ensemble for the most dedicated and skilled musicians. This ensemble competes at regional and national jazz competitions and festivals. This group meets Monday through Friday each week. Jazz Band I is directed by Michael James.

Jazz Band I and II are zero period classes meeting in the morning before school. Students earn full credit. To participate in Jazz Band I or II, students must audition in June of the previous year. Students must enroll in an additional music ensemble class.

Uniforms

Marching Band uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts Department.

Uniforms will be fitted September 1st by parent volunteers. Upperclassmen will be fitted 9:00-12:00 and freshmen will be fitted 12:00-3:00. This is mandatory for all students. If you cannot make September 1st, please contact Ingrid Riley. Uniforms are stored at school and checked out and in to students at each marching event. Band t-shirts are provided to students and must be worn under the marching band uniform. Shirts must also be worn at all pep assemblies and at basketball games. Students must provide own black socks.



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Formal concert attire

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts Department.

- **Men:** Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, and cummerbund. *All men will be measured by a professional. Date to be announced after school in the band room in early September. This is mandatory for all men. Concert attire is loaned out to students for the school year. Students must provide black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cuff-links, and studs. Tux shirts, cuff-links and studs can be purchased at Tux shirts are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99 plus tax.*
- **Women:** Black, velvet top, and skirt. *All women will try on their concert clothes on September 1st. Upperclassmen will be fitted 9:00-12:00 and freshmen will be fitted 12:00-3:00. If you cannot make September 1st, please contact Ingrid Riley. Concert attire is loaned out to students for the school year. Students must provide black, closed toe dress shoes and black hose.*

Fees

Music Department Annual Fee

\$130 yearly fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by September 16th, 2016. Each year we ask that all students pay a Music Department annual fee to help cover the cost of our operating expenses—sheet music, festival fees, transportation, uniforms, t-shirts, instrument repair, and uniform cleaning and maintenance. As many of you know, the Seattle Public School District funds only the teachers' salaries. Running a professional quality music program requires significant support from our community. We are grateful to our Ballard Performing Arts community, and deeply appreciate your support. Band students may participate in choir and/or orchestra without paying another fee. Jazz Bands and the percussion class include separate fees as described later.

Band camp

\$160 fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by July 1, 2016. Band camp is September 9-11 at Camp Seymour and includes all members of Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and the percussion section. Band camp is a great opportunity for students to renew friendships and meet new incoming freshman. Students will participate in sectional practices and receive intensive field and parade marching skills.

ASB cards

\$35 fee required by the school of all marching band students. Fee must be paid by September 16, 2016. Once all marching band students have purchased their ASB (Associated Student Body) card, the Music Department receives a significant allotment of money to help with our expenses. These cards can be purchased in the Activity Center next to the Commons.

Percussion Class

\$50 equipment fee paid by all percussion students. Fee must be paid by September 16, 2016. The Ballard High School percussion section has been growing in skill and size in recent years, resulting in exciting new opportunities. As the students develop their musicianship and technique we have been able to play exciting percussion ensemble pieces that demonstrate their talent. To continue with this positive momentum, we will charge a percussion specific equipment fee of \$50 per year. This fee allows us to provide the students with the appropriate mallets, sticks, and equipment to maximize their musical progress.



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Jazz Band I and II

\$100 coaching fee paid by all Jazz Band students. Fee must be paid by September 16th, 2016. Ballard Jazz Bands have recently made notable accomplishments including acceptance into Essentially Ellington, attendance at the Swing Central Jazz Festival in Savannah, Georgia, participation in Hot Java Cool Jazz, and performances at Jazz Alley. The groups have an immense amount of talent and enthusiasm that brings potential for an extremely high level of success. To maintain our high level of performance and compete with the nation's best jazz bands, we will provide the students with extra instruction including sectional and individual coaching and improvisation guidance. To provide the highest quality instruction available, we will charge a \$100 coaching fee per year. These new funds are necessary to maintain our status as a distinguished high school jazz program. This fee also includes a jazz band t-shirt.

How to Make Payments

You now have the opportunity to spread these payments over the summer for band activities. Make checks payable to Ballard Performing Arts and send to BHS Performing Arts Booster Club, P.O. Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127. Payments can also be made online by credit card at www.ballardperformingarts.org then go to Boosters Tab, then Forms and Payments. The online cost will include the credit card processing fees.

The Music faculty, together with the Ballard High School Performing Arts Booster Club (BPABC), is committed to providing a high quality experience for all students who wish to participate in Performing Arts activities regardless of financial circumstances. If you are in need of scholarship assistance, please download the form at <http://www.ballardperformingarts.org/Boosters/FormsandPayments.aspx> and return it to your students' teacher or to the P.O. Box listed above.

Estimated 2016-2017 trip fees

- *Potential Jazz Band I: TBA*
- *Wind Ensemble: New York City, \$2,000.00*

Band events

Jazz Band Auditions: Aug 29 and 30th & Sept 6
Marching Band Uniform Fitting: Sept 1 & 2
Women's Dress Uniform Fitting: Sept 1 & 2
Band Camp: Sept 9-11th
Men's Dress Uniform Fitting: Sept 13, 3-5:30
Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:
Sept 13, 7:30pm BHS Library
Marching Band, Leavenworth Parade: Sept 24
Marching Band at Football Games, Memorial Stadium
Sept 23, time TBA
Oct 7, Homecoming Half Time Show
Oct 21 or 22, time TBA

Contacts

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Ballard Performing Arts Check List

___ Volunteer Interest Form
Please return at uniform fitting or mail with payment.

All BPA Students: please circle group
Band Choir Orchestra

___ Camp Fee \$160.00
 due July 1

___ Annual Program Fee \$130.00
 due Sept 16

Program Specific Fees:

___ Jazz I & II Fee \$100.00

 Due Sept 16
___ Percussion Class Fee \$50.00
 Due Sept 16

You may pay any of the above fees online at www.ballardperformingarts.org or by check made out to: BPA, PO Box 17774, Seattle, WA 98127

All Band members, including percussion

___ ASB Card Fee \$35.00
 Due Sept 16

You may pay this fee only by check, made out to BHS ASB. You may mail to address above, or drop in music room mailbox.

If you need financial assistance, please complete and return the scholarship form found on the website.

Questions? ballardperformingarts@gmail.com



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