



UMASS LOWELL's *New England* *Junior Wind Ensemble*

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NEYWE Junior Winds 2009

UMass Lowell's New England Youth Wind Ensemble is a relatively new (third year) offering from the Department of Music at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. For those younger musicians looking for more experience, and places to play outside of school, this is for you!

We are so pleased to share the success of UMass Lowell's New England Junior Wind Ensemble. In the past two years the concert has featured young students from the towns of Acton-Boxborough, North Andover, Bedford, Billerica, Chelmsford, Groton, Lowell, Reading, Pepperell, Weston, Shrewsbury, and Tewksbury as well as Pelham, Nashua and Salem New Hampshire. The vision has been to bring together students in grades 6-9, with college students - the music teachers of the future.

As one of the disciplines identified within the Massachusetts Common Core of Learning, the inclusion of the Fine and Performing Arts within the basic curriculum of every child is essential. The arts stand alone not only for their intrinsic value, but also as a way of perpetuating our heritage and culture.

Over the course of time numerous studies have shown the success of students (academically and globally) who participate in music. Perhaps even more important is recognition of one's personal growth. As students develop critical listening and analytical skills, and learn the new language of symbol and sign, they also develop self-discipline, self-esteem, creative thinking skills, better communication and motivation.

This ensemble presents a unique opportunity and challenge for all students, allowing us to tackle a fairly difficult program, as the young players have skill on their instrument but seek growth in concepts, and the music students have conceptual development but lack facility on a new instrument. Students learn to listen, interpret and perform across instrumental families, to perform with each other and with soloists, and even more importantly, sit next to players who are better than they, resulting in monumental individual growth. The synergistic reaction that takes place is very apparent, and can be heard in the ensemble's performance.

Repertoire is chosen from a variety of periods and styles and is suited to the proficiency level of the participants. Emphasis is on the highest quality of performance and the development of ensemble technique. Much responsibility rests with each musician, providing a significant challenge for all.

Join us for our 2009 season, which begins January 26!

More about the program can be found on our website at: www.uml.edu/music

Then select Performance Groups > New England Youth Wind Ensemble (then select Junior Wind Ensemble)

Fill out, and mail in your enrollment form today!

Sincerely,
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