



UMASS LOWELL's *New England* Junior Wind Ensemble

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NEYWE Junior Winds 2010

UMass Lowell's New England Youth Wind Ensemble is a relatively new (fourth 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!

This year the ensemble will perform the World Premiere of a new work by Dr. Ed Hucceby. This is the first time EVER that a work has been commissioned for a junior music ensemble at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Director Deb Huber, recipient of the University of Massachusetts's Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Prize, has chosen to share the award with her students through commissioned work, new music and new instruments. Dr. Hucceby will be arriving on campus the day before the concert for a special 5-7pm rehearsal with the Junior Wind Ensemble (May 5). The junior and senior wind ensembles will combine their efforts for the rehearsal and premiere. The work will be premiered with the composer conducting on Thursday May 6 at 7.30pm. The concert is free and open to the public.

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.

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 2010 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,
Debra-Nicole Huber, Conductor & Artistic Director
*Director of Instrumental Outreach &
Associate Director, University Bands*