UMASS LOWELL’S NEW ENGLAND YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLES TO PERFORM IN APRIL 2013

IF YOU PARTICIPATED A PREVIOUS YEAR, YOU MAY ENROLL RIGHT AWAY AND
SHALL BE ACCEPTED INTO THE ENSEMBLE PROGRAM ONCE AGAIN

UMass Lowell’s New England Youth Wind Ensemble is a relatively new (sixth 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! No audition is required for the junior ensemble, but we would like to listen to you for seating placement purposes. Appointments can be made beyond the “seating placement” dates listed on the application as necessary.

We are so pleased to share the success of UMass Lowell’s New England Junior Wind Ensemble. In the past five years the concert has featured young students from the towns of Acton-Boxborough, North Andover, Bedford, Billerica, Chelmsford, Groton, Lowell, Reading, Pepperell, Weston, Southboro, Northboro, Shrewsbury, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro as well as Pelham, Hudson, Nashua and Salem New Hampshire and others. 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.

In the past two years we have been extraordinarily lucky to have commissioned and performed two World Premieres written specifically for the ensemble. This is an amazing experience- for most a “once-i-a-lifetime moment”. In music as in life, anything is possible and it’s all there before you. Come join us and find your own amazing moments.

Join us for our 2013 season, which begins Wednesday January 23.

Rehearsals: Monday and Wednesday 4:45-6pm, Durgin Concert Hall
UMass Lowell
Fill out and mail in your enrollment forms today!

Sincerely,
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