

A Closer Look at Our Band Programs

Symphonic Band

A non-auditioned concert band for students of all grades who have experience playing a wind instrument. In this ensemble, students will develop instrumental techniques and fundamentals through the performance of quality wind band music.

Wind Ensemble

An auditioned concert band for advanced instrumental musicians. Students perform the highest level band literature and are expected to contribute individual artistry to the ensemble.

Percussion

A class for intermediate to advanced percussion students. Students will perform as part of the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble, as well as participate in the Drumline and various percussion ensembles.

Marching Band

All students from Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Percussion join together to form the award-winning Ballard High School Marching Band. This group performs at football and basketball games, 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 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 and enroll in an instrumental music class during the school day.

Uniforms

Marching Band uniforms – same for both men and women.

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts Department.

*Uniforms will be fitted August 31st 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 August 31st, please come on September 1st, 9am - 12pm or contact the Band Family Rep, Jen Witeck at BPABbandrep@gmail.com. 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.**

Men's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Tux jacket and pants, bow tie, cummerbund, garment bag and hanger

All men will be measured by a professional, after school on Sept 11th and 12th. This is mandatory for all men.

Students must provide:

Black socks, black dress shoes (no tennis shoes), tux shirt, cuff-links, and studs. Tux shirts, cuff-links and studs are available to purchase from Ted Brown Music, 1006 NE 50th St, 206-622-0171. The tux shirts cost \$19.99.

Women's Concert Uniforms

Owned and maintained by the Ballard Performing Arts and is loaned to students for the school year and kept at home.

Black velvet top, black satin skirt, garment bag and hanger

All returning women will try on their concert clothes on August 31st, returning students from 9:00-12:00 PM and new students from 12:00-3:00 PM.

If you cannot make August 31st, please come September 1st from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM or contact the Band Family Rep, Jennifer Witeck at BPABbandrep@gmail.com

Student must provide:

Black, low heeled, closed toe dress shoes and black hose.

Fees

Music Department Annual Fee

\$135 yearly fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2017. 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

\$165 fee paid by all band students. Fee must be paid by July 1, 2017. Band camp is September 8-10 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 October 1st, 2017. 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

\$52 equipment fee paid by all percussion students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2017. 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 charge a percussion specific equipment fee of \$52 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

\$105 coaching fee paid by all Jazz Band students. Fee must be paid by September 15th, 2017. 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 \$105 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. No credit card processing fees are charged.

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 2017-2018 trip fees

- *Potential Jazz Band I: TBA*
- *Wind Ensemble: Whistler, approx. \$500.00*

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Band Events

Uniform Fittings:

- Aug 31st Marching Band Uniform Fitting
9am-12pm for returning students, 12pm-3pm for freshman
- Aug 31 Women's Dress Uniform Fitting
9am-12pm for returning students, 12pm-3pm for freshman
- Sept 1 Marching Band and Women's Dress Fitting if unavailable on Aug 31, 9am-12pm
- Sept 11 & 12 Men's Dress Uniform Fittings, after school at BHS

Band Camp:

- Sept 8-10 Camp Seymour

Ballard Performing Arts Boosters Meeting:

- Sept 12, 7:30pm BHS Library

Home Football Games:

- Memorial Stadium
- September 30 vs. West Seattle, 5:00pm
- October 13 vs. Cleveland, 5pm
- October 21, Homecoming Game vs. Liberty, 5:00pm (halftime show performance)
- October 27, Opponent TBD, Time TBA

UW Husky Band Day:

- Saturday, September 16th, 1pm-9pm (Game time is at 6:30pm and we will leave after halftime.)

Homecoming Marching Band Practices:

- October 18, 5-7pm BHS
- October 20, in-school field trip

First Concert of the Year:

- November 8 – Band Concert, BHS PAC

Performing Arts Spotlight Gala: (This is the major fundraiser for Ballard Performing Arts)

- November 18 – Swedish Cultural Center. Look for ticket information in the fall for this fun event!