

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

The School of Music at Montana State University offers innovative programs alongside music performance opportunities that meet CORE IA requirements for ALL degrees. Music majors, minors, and students studying across campus are invited to join us in Howard Hall and find their musical home in one of our many performing ensembles.

BAND

Wind Symphony - MUSI 314IA, TR 3:10-5:00 - Dr. Nathan Stark, nathan.stark@montana.edu

The Wind Symphony regularly presents new works, features guest performing artists, and plays some of the most difficult and spectacular pieces composed for wind band medium. *Audition Required.*

University Band - MUSI 114IA, TR 5:15-6:30 - Dr. Derek Bannasch, derek.bannasch@montana.edu

University Band is a great ensemble for those students who want to keep playing in college. The group is made-up of a mix of academic majors from all around campus. Music is selected from the body of standard wind band repertoire and the most popular/fun band pieces. *Previous Band Experience/Placement Meeting.*

CHOIR

Montanans (SATB) - MUSI 426IA, MWF 12:00-12:50, TR 12:15-1:05 - Dr. Kirk Aamot, kaamot@montana.edu

The Montanans, a select mixed vocal ensemble, is dedicated to the artistic performance of new and established choral literature representative of all genres and stylistic periods. *Audition Required.*

Voces Luminis (SSAA) - MUSI 312IA, MWF 2:10-3:00 - Dr. Kirk Aamot, kaamot@montana.edu

Voces Luminis is a select ensemble of soprano and alto voices that performs a wide range of choral literature. *Audition Required.*

University Chorale (SATB) - MUSI 212IA, MWF 1:10-2:00 - Dr. Lukas Graf, lukas.graf@montana.edu

University Chorale is MSU's largest mixed chorus with a treasured history of excellence in choral performance. *Previous Choir Experience/Placement Meeting.*

Tenor Bass Chorus (TTBB) - MUSI 112IA, TR 3:10-4:00 - Dr. Lukas Graf, lukas.graf@montana.edu

Tenor Bass Chorus is open to all MSU students who sing in the tenor or bass vocal range. Members share a passion for singing and want to belong to a choral ensemble and develop their vocal skills. *No Previous Choir Experience Needed.*

JAZZ

One O'clock Jazz - MUSI 331IA, TR 12:15-2:05 - Prof. Ryan Matzinger, ryan.matzinger@montana.edu

The One O'clock Jazz Ensemble represents the strongest music students in the area of Jazz. The group consists of both music majors and majors studying in majors across MSU's campus. The group performs the highest caliber of Jazz Music. *Audition Required.*

Jazz Workshop - MUSI 131IA, MWF 11:00-11:50 - Prof. Ryan Matzinger, ryan.matzinger@montana.edu

The Jazz Workshop Band is an ensemble for students who want to keep playing jazz and popular music in college. The group consists of a mix of academic majors from all over campus who come together, play, and learn more about music in a jazz big band setting. *Previous Music Performance Experience/Placement Meeting.*

ORCHESTRA

Symphony Orchestra - MUSI 308IA, MW 4:10-6:00 - Dr. Tobin Stewart, tobin.stewart@montana.edu

The MSU Symphony Orchestra is a full orchestra that pushes members to expand their technical, intellectual, and musical horizons performing new and standard symphonic literature of all genres. *Audition Required.*

University String Orchestra - MUSI 108IA, MWF 12:00-12:50 - Dr. Tobin Stewart, tobin.stewart@montana.edu

University String Orcehstra is a great ensemble for those students who want to keep playing in college. The group is made up of a mix of academic majors from all around campus. Music is selected from the body of standard string repertoire. *Previous String Performrance Experience/Placement Meeting.*



SPIRIT OF THE WEST

Open to ALL MSU Students!!!

Being a university student is much more than simply attending classes and taking exams. Our campus is vibrant with concerts, athletic events, and a host of activities that will enrich your experience while at MSU. As a member of the marching band, you will be at the heart of the university's commitment to outreach and engagement. You will perform in dozens of events for tens of thousands of people. But, perhaps more importantly, you will be joining one of the largest and oldest organizations on campus with a tradition of entertainment and excellence.

Member Information

SotW students represent over 40 different majors from all over MSU and Gallatin College. All Members are required to enroll in **MUSI 155IA** to participate in the band. Instruments are available for use free of charge. We rehearse on MWF 2:10-4:00pm and perform at all home Bobcat home football games.

Band Members Move in Early!

Band camp is held on campus during the week before the start of classes. Food and housing (for on-campus students) is provided. This is when we learn most of our standard music/drill for the season.

How to join the SotW in five easy steps:

1. **Pre-Register** now for the band. This will tell us a little about you and get you on our emails list for news and updates.
2. **Enroll** in MUSI 155IA "Spirit of the West Marching Band" at Orientation
3. **Complete** our Membership Agreement (available in June)
4. **Attend** marching band camp in August (Move-in expected on August 12). Band try-outs are held during the first two days of camp.
5. **Congratulations** - you are a member of the MSU Spirit of the West!



SPIRIT OF THE WEST MARCHING BAND SCHOLARSHIPS



FIRST YEAR MEMBERS RECEIVE **\$1500**



RETURNING MEMBER BONUS **\$500**



LEADERSHIP/4TH YEAR BONUS **\$500**

TOTAL FOR 4 YEARS IN THE BAND **\$8000**

SCHOLARSHIP PAID AS TUITION REDUCTION
- CASH AWARDS ALSO AVAILABLE -



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Spirit of the West!