

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

March 18, 2014

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce auditions for the **SPARTAN YOUTH WIND SYMPHONY, 2014-2015 Season!**

The Spartan Youth Wind Symphony (SYWS) is an honors wind ensemble for high school students, sponsored by the MSU Bands in conjunction with the Michigan State University College of Music, and conducted by Cormac Cannon, MSU Assistant Director of Bands. SYWS is comprised of the most outstanding Michigan high school instrumentalists (woodwind, brass and percussion), providing them with an opportunity to rehearse in a university setting, perform and interact with peers from around the state, and receive instruction from Michigan State University College of Music faculty and students. Members will enhance their skills as musicians and ensemble performers through the exploration of advanced-level repertoire in an inspired rehearsal atmosphere, along with opportunities for chamber music performance. The experience culminates in shared concerts with the MSU Wind Symphony and Symphony Band at the end of the fall and spring semesters. *Members of the 2014 MSBOA All-State Ensembles are AUTOMATICALLY granted acceptance to SYWS, and need only submit an audition for chair placement.*

## AUDITIONS

- Students must be in grades 9-12 during the 2014-2015 school year
- Students may audition in person on the MSU campus on Saturday or Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> (between 1 and 5 PM). Live auditions will be recorded to allow all auditions to be heard by the same adjudicator.
- Auditions may also be submitted on CD by US mail, or e-mailed as an mp3 file. CD's must be postmarked NO LATER THAN May 17, 2014, and e-mail submissions must be received before 11:59 PM on May 18, 2014.
- Students will be notified of audition results no later than May 27, 2014
- Detailed information and **online application** can be found at: <http://www.music.msu.edu/SYWS>
- Audition should consist of the following:

Woodwind/Brass: A solo (accompanied or unaccompanied) or musical excerpts with contrasting styles that demonstrate your best level of technical and expressive performance abilities. The solo/excerpts should not exceed 6 minutes in duration. Also, a chromatic scale over the entire range of the instrument with which you are comfortable, at your fastest comfortable tempo (any articulation is acceptable).

Percussion: Solos or musical excerpts that show proficiency on *snare drum, a mallet instrument, and timpani*. The audition should not exceed 10 minutes in duration.



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## 2014-2015 FEES & TUITION (non-refundable)

- Application fee - \$45 (must be paid online – see web site – only one application fee required per family)
- Annual tuition for participation in the 2014-2015 SYWS - \$225
- All members of the 2014 MSBOA All-State Ensemble are eligible for a \$25 Tuition Reduction
- **Find more information and APPLY ONLINE:** <http://www.music.msu.edu/SYWS>

## REHEARSALS

- All Rehearsals are in the MSU Music Building, from 3:00–5:30 PM
  - 9 Fall Sundays, 2014: Sept 28; Oct 5, 12, 19, 26; Nov 9, 16, 23, 30
  - 10 Spring Sundays, 2015: Feb 8, 15, 22; Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr 12, 19
- Rehearsals will consist of both full ensemble rehearsals and small group sectionals. Masterclasses with MSU faculty will also take place during selected rehearsals.

## PERFORMANCES

All Performances take place on the Michigan State University campus  
Sunday, December 7, 2014 – 3:00 PM – In conjunction with the MSU Wind Symphony  
Sunday, April 26, 2015 – 3:00 PM – In conjunction with the MSU Symphony Band

## HONORS CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

Membership in chamber ensembles, including brass and woodwind quintets, saxophone and tuba-euphonium quartets, chamber winds, brass choir, and percussion ensemble will be by invitation based on initial audition. Honors chamber ensembles rehearse from 2:00-2:50 PM prior to regular Sunday rehearsals.

**Please post this letter along with the enclosed poster. Thank you!**