

Minot Beginning Community Band

What: The Division of Performing Arts at Minot State University is starting the **Minot Beginning Community Band (MBCB)** program to promote music learning and music teaching throughout the Minot Region. The program is intended to provide beginning instrumentalists with quality instruction and the opportunity to be part of a concert band with other beginning performers from the community.

Who: The MBCB program is an ensemble for **ALL** beginning and novice musicians, ages 13 and older, who are interested in learning a traditional wind band instrument and performing in a concert band. The MBCB is intended to provide music learning opportunities for those community members who want to learn (or relearn) the building blocks of music and performance from the very foundational level. Potential participants might include (but aren't limited to):

- Middle/High School students who missed the chance to join as a beginner
- Adults who have always wanted to learn an instrument (including college students)
- Parents wanting to learn an instrument to share common interests with their children
- Retirees who now have time to explore new interests/hobbies
- Previous members of the Minot Beginning Community Band Program

Where: All MBCB activities will occur on the Minot State University Campus (Old Main Building, Room 121). The final concert will be held in Ann Nicole Nelson Hall at MSU.

When: Rehearsals will occur on Saturdays from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The first hour will be spent working in sectional/small group lessons with MBCB instructors. The second hour will be spent rehearsing as a full concert band. All rehearsals will be held in MSU's Old Main 121.

Cost: All participants are required to pay a \$50 participation fee for the semester. In addition, participants will need to acquire an instrument and related equipment (reeds, mallets, etc.) for the program which may result in additional expenses. There is limited scholarship funding available for those in the community unable to pay the participation fee. Checks should be made payable to: **Minot State University**. Please contact the band's director, David Rolandson, if you need financial assistance.

Instruments: The following instruments will be taught during the MBCB program:

Flute

Clarinet

Saxophone

Trumpet

French Horn

Trombone

Euphonium/Baritone

Tuba

Percussion

Required Materials

Flute (Yamaha recommended)

- *Cleaning Rod and Cloth*

Clarinet (Yamaha recommended)

- *Clarinet swab*
- *Cork Grease*
- *At least three good reeds - 2 ½ Strength (Rico)*

Saxophone (Yamaha recommended)

- *Adjustable neck strap*
- *Saxophone swab*
- *At least three good reeds - 2 ½ Strength (Rico)*

Trumpet (Yamaha recommended)

- *Petroleum-based Valve Oil (I recommend Al Cass Fast)*
- *Slide Grease (I recommend Super Slick Tuning Slide Grease)*
- *Mouthpiece brush*

French Horn (available through MSU)

- *Synthetic Rotary Valve Oil (I recommend Roche Thomas, but others are fine too)*
- *Slide Grease (I recommend Super Slick Tuning Slide Grease)*
- *Mouthpiece brush*

Trombone (Yamaha recommended)

- *Trombotine Slide Lubricant (recommended)*
- *Separate Slide Grease (I recommend Super Slick Tuning Slide Grease)*
- *Small Spray Bottle for Water*

Euphonium (available through MSU)

- *Petroleum-based Valve Oil (I recommend Al Cass Fast)*
- *Slide Grease (I recommend Super Slick Tuning Slide Grease)*
- *Mouthpiece brush*

Tuba (available through MSU)

- *Petroleum-based Valve Oil (I recommend Al Cass Fast)*
- *Slide Grease (I recommend Super Slick Tuning Slide Grease)*
- *Mouthpiece brush*

Percussion

- *Snare Drum/Practice Pad*
- *Bell Kit*
- *5B size wooden snare sticks and Bell Mallets*

Instrument Rental: There are multiple ways in which participants can acquire an instrument to participate in the MBCB. *Eckroth Music* has agreed to sponsor the MBCB by extending their “rent-to-own” instrument rental program. Additionally, limited larger instruments (e.g., French horn, euphonium, tuba, etc.) may be available for use depending on enrollment and instrument availability.

Lesson Books and Sheet Music: All methods books and sheet music will be provided (borrowed) to participants at no extra charge.

Additional Recommended Equipment:

- Chromatic Tuner or Chromatic Tuner App (not necessary for percussionists)
- Metronome or Metronome App - needs to be loud enough to hear over instrument

Additional Private Lessons: In addition to Saturday rehearsals, additional private lessons may be available (depending on teacher availability). Private lessons would be scheduled individually with a private teacher once students are able to compare schedules.

Website and Registration: Additional information regarding instrument rentals, lesson schedules, and registration will be available on the MBCB website located here:

<https://www.minotstateu.edu/mccb/>

Research/Promotions: The MBCB is funded partially through a Minot State University Research Grant. The purpose of this research is to investigate what impact this Beginning Community Band Experience has on the preparation of the MBCB teachers as they train for careers as music educators. These grant funds were used to help purchase some teaching equipment and educational materials (books, sheet music, etc.). As a result, we will be documenting the program at times through photo and video. The teachers will use the videos to reflect on their teaching practices and growth as teachers. For future promotional purposes and possible funding opportunities, we may use small video clips and photos collected throughout the semester. No participant personal information, of any kind, will be shared with anyone.

Questions: If you have questions or concerns regarding the Minot Beginning Community Band, please contact the MBCB Organizer and Director, David Rolandson at david.rolandson@minotstateu.edu. He can also be reached at (701) 858-3195.

Minot Beginning Community Band Teacher Schedule (Tentative)

Saturdays

1:00 – 1:50 p.m. Group Lessons

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Full Group Rehearsal Old Main 121

02-11-2023	MBCB Rehearsal START DATE	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
02-18-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
02-25-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03-04-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03-11-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03-18-2023	MSU Spring Break – Rehearsal w/available teachers	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
03-25-2023	NDMEA Conference – Rehearsal w/available teachers	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
04-01-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
04-08-2023	MCBC Rehearsal	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
04-15-2023	No Rehearsal (Region 8 Small Group Contest)	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
04-22-2023	Dress Rehearsal (Ann Nicole Nelson Hall)	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
04-23-2023	Final Concert (Ann Nicole Nelson Hall)	3:00 p.m.