Middle School Ensembles

What are the Middle School Ensembles?

The University of Colorado Middle School Ensemble (MSE) program offers an extra-curricular performance opportunity designed for middle school band, orchestra, and choral students! In collaboration with the University of Colorado, as well as local high school students considering a career in music education, this program is an excellent opportunity to supplement your child’s school music experience.

This program will include full group rehearsals, sectional instruction, and elements of comprehensive musicianship, such as music theory and improvisation. All rehearsals, sectionals, and activities will be led by music education undergraduate and graduate students to create a learning experience not just for your child, but for future music teachers, as well. Our program will culminate with a high-quality concert performance involving students from all over the greater Boulder area!

Eligibility, Registration, and Cost to Parents

Any vocal, woodwind, brass, percussion, or string musician in grades 6-8 with at least one year of experience on their voice/instrument is welcome to participate in this program. We accept all interested students, and students will have a brief, informal audition the night of our first rehearsal to ensure appropriate part assignments and repertoire selection. Every effort will be made to create separate ensembles in order to accommodate differences in age and experience levels among our student musicians!

All program information, including audition details and online registration, can be found on the program’s website:

http://music.colorado.edu/mse

- Online registration for the program will close on January 6th, 2016 -

A registration fee of $50 for the semester covers all financial obligations with the MSE program. The fee is used for purchasing music, acquiring supplemental supplies, and renting our rehearsal and performance space. This fee will be collected on the night of the first rehearsal, Wednesday, January 27th, 2016, but those interested may also mail in their registration fee ahead of time to avoid lines the first night! A limited number of need-based scholarships are available for qualified families. If you are interested in being contacted about applying for a need-based scholarship, please indicate so in the appropriate box on the online registration form, and you will be contacted.

If you have additional questions regarding this program, please contact the MSE Graduate Program Director at msemusic@colorado.edu. We sincerely hope you consider being a part of this wonderful experience!

2016 Schedule

All rehearsals are held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday evenings.

- Wed. 1/27 Rehearsal 1
  * Audition Night *
- Wed. 2/3 Rehearsal 2
- Wed. 2/10 Rehearsal 3
- Wed. 2/17 Rehearsal 4
- Wed. 2/24 Rehearsal 5
- Wed. 3/2 Rehearsal 6
- Wed. 3/9 Activity Night @ CU
- Wed. 3/16 Rehearsal 7
- Wed. 3/23 NO REHEARSAL
- Wed. 3/30 Rehearsal 8
- Wed. 4/6 Rehearsal 9
- Wed. 4/13 Rehearsal 10
- Wed. 4/20 Dress Rehearsal
- Fri. 4/22 CONCERT @ 7:00 PM

All rehearsals and our performance (except for Activity Night on March 9th) will be held at:

Nevin Platt Middle School
6096 Baseline Road
Boulder, CO 80303