

2024 Summer memo to SWE students

Dear OWU Symphonic Wind Ensemble members,

Welcome Bishops! Our first rehearsal is Thursday, August 21, 2024 starting at 4:20 in the Presser Room of Sanborn Hall. Here are some FAQs you'll want to review.

1. Will we play on the first day?

YES! Our first day will cover a lot of important information including course expectations, team-building activities, warm up routines, and sight reading of potential repertoire so have your instrument with you!

2. I need to rent a school instrument. How do I get one?

If you need to rent a school instrument please contact me ASAP at rdedward@owu.edu so we can make arrangements.

3. I need an instrument locker. How do I reserve one?

Contact Lisa Hill at lahill@owu.edu to arrange for your 2024-25 instrument locker. The sooner the better!

4. Do I have to audition to be in the Symphonic Wind Ensemble?

No. But if you have a preference for the instrument or part you're assigned to play, then a screening audition is expected.

For students who wish to audition for a part, this will occur on Thursday, August 29 during part of our rehearsal time and will be based on sight-reading plus two 30-second excerpts of your choice featuring lyrical and technical skills.

If you choose to audition, you may use any music excerpt of your choice (exercises, etudes, band parts, etc.). If you don't have easy access to music parts, all members are welcome to use any of the OWU High School honor band PDF parts in [this folder](#).

Percussionists, please prepare an example of snare drum or practice pad playing (e.g., rudiments, etudes, rhythm exercises) plus an example of at least one other percussion instrument (mallets, auxiliary equipment, timpani, etc).

5. Anything else I should know before our first rehearsal?

Just a few friendly reminders:

- a. New Rehearsal Time this year! SWE meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:20 - 5:50 PM in Presser.
- b. Our Fall Concert is Thursday, October 24 at 8 PM in Gray Chapel. (stage report time for all band members is 7:15 PM).

Finally, there are many band students who also participate in the [OWU Marching Bishops](#) and the [Park Avenue Jazz Band](#). If you're interested in any or all of these groups, please contact the directors for more information. Dr. Chris Lizak (crlizak@owu.edu) directs the Marching Bishop, and Kevin Turner (kpturner@owu.edu) directs the Park Avenue Jazz Band.

Looking forward to another exciting semester of music with you all. See you soon!

Best wishes,

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