

RIPYWE – RI PHILHARMONIC YOUTH WIND ENSEMBLES

Eric Hewitt, *Music Director*

The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Wind Ensembles give advanced woodwind, brass and percussion students from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts and Connecticut an outstanding opportunity to rehearse and perform high quality wind ensemble repertoire. RIPYWE offers these students a challenging and rewarding musical experience.



SENIOR DIVISION

CONDUCTOR: **Eric Hewitt**

FOR: Students in grades 9-12

PERFORMS: Traditional and modern wind ensemble works in an advanced wind ensemble setting.

REHEARSALS: 2.5 hours;
Tuesdays, 6:30–9:00pm

JUNIOR DIVISION

CONDUCTOR: **Dr. David Neves**

FOR: Students in grades 7-10

PERFORMS: Repertoire in varied styles to challenge the advancing wind, brass, and percussion player.

REHEARSALS: 2 hours;
Wednesdays, 6:30–8:30pm

Membership in the Youth Wind Ensembles is by audition only. All Ensembles rehearse at the Carter Center, 667 Waterman Avenue in East Providence. Ensembles are tuition-based programs; financial aid is available.

AN INVITATION FOR YOUR BEST STUDENTS

Spring 2015

Dear Band Director,

As a high quality school band director in Southern New England, you know the importance of ensuring students have multiple opportunities to study and perform excellent music under the finest of teachers. As such, we would like to ask you to encourage your best and most motivated students to audition for ***The Rhode Island Philharmonic Youth Wind Ensemble- Junior (grades 7-10) or Senior (grades 9-12)***. Both of these groups study and perform high-level wind ensemble music with the finest middle school and high school players from Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts.

How does having your students in RIPPYWE help your program? Our role as RIPPYWE conductors is to support and enhance your efforts to help these students achieve and experience the finest possible musical experiences. This results in higher quality experiences for both school and RIPPYWE. In addition, participation in RIPPYWE requires that students remain members in good standing of your own music program. If they are not playing for you, they are not eligible for RIPPYWE.

Every week, RIPPYWE delivers what is basically an All-State level experience. RIPPYWE Junior rehearses on Wednesday nights and is conducted by Dr. David Neves. RIPPYWE Senior rehearses on Tuesday nights and is conducted by Eric Hewitt.

Auditions for the 2015-16 RIPPYWE groups will take place on Tuesday, June 9th and Wednesday, June 17th, at The Music School in East Providence. Please not only post the attached flier in a conspicuous place where students will see it, but also actively encourage your best to contact us. RIPPYWE might be just the extra "nudge" they need to get them to that next level of excellence you know is in them.

For more information and to set up an audition, please contact **the Philharmonic Music School at 401-248-7038**. You can also go to the Philharmonic Music School's webpage at Musicschool.riphil.org We look forward to hearing your students!

Sincerely,

David Neves

Dr. David Neves
Music Director - RIPPYWE
Conductor - RIPPYWE Junior

Eric Hewitt

Eric Hewitt
Conductor - RIPPYWE Senior
