

July 1, 2017

Dear Statesmen Marching Band, new and returning Wind Symphony and Concert Band members, and other prospective Truman Bands students:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 edition of the Truman Bands! I am excited for our upcoming year and I look forward to meeting all of our new Truman Bands members. Please know I will maintain an open-door policy and I encourage all of you to stop by my office (OP 1312) and introduce yourself. **This mailing contains information for anyone interested in *any of the band ensembles* at Truman**.

We have an exciting show and a tremendous staff and leadership team lined up for the 2017 Statesmen season. The 2017 Statesmen Show entitled **Heroines**,celebrates strong women in music in a three part show: 1. The Greatest (Sia), How Far I’ll Go (Moana), and closes with a medley of tunes from Wicked (Defying Gravity, No One Mourns the Wicked). The Showgirls tunes will also fit in with this year’s theme.

Baldwin Hall is open again! Both Wind Symphonies will rehearse and perform in Baldwin Hall (except for the first half of the spring 2018 semester). Wind Symphony II will continue to meet at 12:30. Regarding enrollment, please enroll in the ensemble you were in last year or if you are an incoming student (and haven’t enrolled yet) enroll in Wind Symphony II. The ensemble you are enrolled in now is not binding. **After you audition during the first week of school, whatever ensemble you are assigned to will be the one to which you should change your enrollment**. There is no penalty for changing the section you are enrolled in during the first week of school.

This mailing includes important information for you to read before arriving on campus (some things have changed so read *carefully*):

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I invite all returning members to join us during the Truman week evening rehearsals. This is a great way for you to begin connecting with our newest members. Section leaders and drum majors will be able to move in early and will take part in our leadership retreat on Wednesday, August 16. This is an exciting opportunity for Statesmen leaders to come together to hone their leadership skills and to help shape the season ahead. All other returning members will be able to check-in and be issued lockers and instruments on Sunday, August 20 and attend the first FULL rehearsal in OPPH that night at 9pm. Percussionists please note your individualized schedule and extra rehearsal times with Dr. Bump.

There are several important things for new members to note. If you are a new member of the Statesmen Marching Band, **you will need to bring your driver’s license and social security card** in order to fill out the paperwork to receive your stipend. These will be filled out during Truman week. School instruments and lockers will be issued on Thursday, August 17 at from 12:00-3:00. The first activity for freshmen to attend is on **Thursday, August 17 at 6:30pm in the Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall.** This is a general music interest meeting that will include information about auditions, instruments, lockers, and other updates. If you have any questions about auditioning for Wind Symphony please email me or simply stop by my office during the freshmen Wind Symphony audition times on Sunday, August 20. See the Freshmen Audition Times sheet in the mailing for details.

**All Statesmen** will need to provide the following:

1. All white marching shoes (these can be ordered when you arrive on campus-please bring along $30)
2. A pair of khaki shorts

\*All new band members will purchase a polo band shirt

**Projected Costs (estimated)**:

Gloves and Shoes Colorguard $ 30.00

White Shoes (For new members or replacement)Hornline/Drumline $ 30.00

Band Dues (includes gloves and t-shirt) All band members $ 40.00

**Note: Dues are assessed as a course fee**

A Season with the “Statesmen” All band members Priceless!

I look forward to seeing all of you in August!

***Go Bulldogs!***

Sincerely,

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2017-2018 Truman Bands Performance Calendar

*(All times subject to change)*

August 20-22 Wind Symphony Auditions

September 16 7pm **Football Game (vs. Missouri S&T)**

October 1 2pm Wind Symphony 1 & 2 Concert (Baldwin)

7 1pm **Football Game (vs. Southwest Baptist)**

14 9am **Homecoming Parade**

2pm **Football Game (vs. Grand Valley State)**

November 4 Noon **Football Game (vs. Southwest Baptist-NC)**

11 1:00pm **Football Game (vs. McKendree University)**

15 8:00pm Wind Symphony 1 Concert (Baldwin)

30 8:00pm Wind Symphony 2 Concert (Baldwin)

December 5 8:00pm Concert Band Concert (OPPH)

January 24-27 MMEA (Tan Tar A-Oscage Beach, MO)

February 10 2:00pm Wind Symphony 2 Concert (OPPH)

(Honor Band) 10 7:00pm Wind Symphony 1 Concert (OPPH)

March 7 8:00pm Wind Symphony 2 and Concert Band Concert (OPPH)

(Invitational) 8 8:00pm Wind Symphony 1 Concert (OPPH)

April 14 9-4pm Wind Symphony 1 & 2 (Midwest Band Conductors Symposium)

27 8:00pm Wind Symphony 1 Concert (Baldwin)

May 1 8:00pm Wind Symphony 2 Concert (Baldwin)

2 8:00pm Concert Band Concert (OPPH)

12 9:00am COMMENCEMENT Wind Symphony 1 & 2-

attendance required.

1:00pm Call time at Stokes

2:00pm Commencement Begins

**Statesmen General Information**

**For all Statesmen Marching Band members:**

All members will need to provide the following items: all-white marching shoes and a pair of khaki shorts. Shoes are available to order from the band office they will be approximately $30.

Band dues are $40 and include a pair of gloves, a Statesmen Marching Band t-shirt and the Banquet.

**For all Freshmen:**

The Truman Week activities include a meeting on Thursday, August 17 at 6:30 P.M. in OPPH. Information concerning auditions, lockers, instrument checkout and calendar updates will be given out. We will ask you to fill out forms, so be sure to bring your university email address with you.

Please bring your driver’s license and social security card in order to complete necessary tax forms to receive your cash stipend at the end of the marching season. We will fill out the forms during Truman Week and the first week of classes.

**For all Statesmen Color Guard members:**

There is no audition for membership into this group, all that is needed is a passion for the activity and a strong work ethic.

The costs are: band dues ($40), shoes, gloves, and on occasion a piece of costuming. We try to keep these costs under $75.00 total.

**Amethyst Winter Guard:**

In order to audition and gain membership into the Amethyst Winter Guard, you must have been a member of the Statesmen Marching Band Guard or in any other way. Audition info will be announced during September. Please note that you should be enrolled in MUSI 148.06.

**For all Statesmen Drumline members:**

The costs are: band dues ($40), shoes ($30). Besides normal Monday, Wednesday, Friday rehearsals there will be additional late Wednesday rehearsals from 9-11 p.m.

**Stipend info for Marching Band members:**

***Note: Stipends are only awarded to those who are enrolled in the class (MUSI 148.01/348.01 or MUSI 148.02/348.02)***

Freshmen-$100

Sophomores-$200

Juniors-$300

Seniors-$400

**Truman Statesmen Marching Band 2017**

**Directors**

Dr. Curran Prendergast, Director of Bands

Dr. Michael Bump, Assistant Director

Sarah Raffurty, Guard Instructor

**Graduate Staff**

Timothy Clasby, Jennifer McGowan

**Undergraduate Staff**

Chris Ramey

**Drum Majors**

Meg Hawkins, Amanda Pietka, and Kyle Rieger

**Section Leaders**

**Flute:** Chiara Degenhardt and Peter Ho

**Clarinet:**  Beth Bailey and Ariel Logan

**Alto Saxophone:** Becca Albertson

**Tenor Saxophone:**

**Trumpet:** Rachael Newton and Chandler Shumake

**Mellophone:** Georgia Gregory and Gabi Lohman

**Trombone:** Noah Krueger and Brit Harper

**Baritone:** Emilee Kendall

**Tuba:** Sean Schierbecker

**Colorguard:** Payton Vahldick and Mollie Kurtz

**Cheerleader: TBA**

**Drumline: TBA**

**Voice:** **TBA**

2017 Truman Statesman Band Calendar

Season at a Glance:

August 20 9pm First full marching band rehearsal

21 Begin regular MWF (3:30-5:20) rehearsal schedule

28 8-11pm Mini-camp rehearsal (Stadium)

30 8-11pm Mini-camp rehearsal (Stadium)

September 16 7pm **Football Game (vs. Missouri S&T)**

October 7 1pm **Football Game (vs. Southwest Baptist)**

14 9am **Homecoming Parade**

2pm **Football Game (vs. Grand Valley State)**

November 4 Noon **Football Game (vs. Southwest Baptist-North Carolina)**

11 1:00pm **Football Game (vs. McKendree University)**

14 5:30pm Statesmen Banquet

Full Calendar by Month:

*(All times subject to change)*

August:

14 Monday: Meeting with Graduate Assistant/ Drum Majors

15 Tuesday: Music Department Retreat

16 Wednesday: Freshman/Leadership Move-in. ***Leadership Retreat.*** (All Leadership and Staff)

17 Thursday: Locker/Instrument Issue Marching (12:00-3:00PM). Band Staff Meeting (With **Section Leaders**).

17 Thursday: Music interest meeting (Truman Week Students) (6:00 PM-OPPH-Tentative)

18 Friday: First Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-4:50 PM-OPPH-Tentative)

19 Saturday: Marching Band Rehearsal (9:30-11:00 PM-OPPH-Tentative)

20 Sunday: Freshmen (only those who haven’t auditioned for a scholarship) auditions (12:00-5:00).

Band office open for lockers/instrument issue (12:00-3:00).

**Full** Marching Band Rehearsal (8:00-10:00 PM-OPPH)

21 Monday (First Day of Classes): Marching Band Rehearsal (4:00-5:20), Wind Symphony Auditions.

23 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20), Wind Symphony 1 and 2 Begin.

25 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

28 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20);

30 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20);

September:

1 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

4 Monday: NO REHEARSAL- Labor Day

6 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM) **Mini-Camp (8-11pm)**

8 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

11 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

13 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

15 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

16 Saturday: (Game Day 7:00 PM): Rehearsal @stadium (9-11 AM)/Warm-up (6:00 PM)

18 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

20 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

22 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

25 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

27 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3;30-5:20 PM)

29 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

October:

2 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

4 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

6 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

7 Saturday: (Game Day 1:00 PM): Rehearsal @stadium (9-11)/Warm-up (12:00 Noon)

9 Monday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

11 Wednesday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

13 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20 PM)

14 Saturday: (Homecoming-Game Day 2:00PM): Parade (Starts 9:00 AM)/ Stadium Rehearsal (9:40 AM)/ Game Warm-up (1:00 PM)

16 Monday: Begin Concert Band Rehearsals (MW 3:30-5:30)

18 Wednesday: No Rehearsal

19-22 Thursday- Sunday: Fall Break

27 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

November:

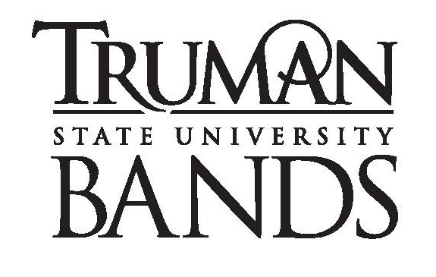
3 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

4 Saturday: (Game Day Noon): Rehearsal @stadium  (8:30-10:00)/Warm-up (11:00 AM)

10 Friday: Marching Band Rehearsal (3:30-5:20)

11 Saturday: (Game Day 1:00 PM): Rehearsal @stadium  (9-11)/Warm-up (12:00 Noon)

14 Banquet (5:30 PM Location TBA)



Wind Symphony Auditions

Auditions for Wind Symphony (1 and 2) will take place August 20, 21 and 22. Ensemble placement will be determined through a **blind audition**. This means that your placement will be determined based solely on your playing during the audition without the panel knowing the identity of the person auditioning. Everyone auditioning for Wind Symphony will play: 1. Scales, 2. Excerpts, and 3. Sight-reading in that order. Either a GTRA or band staff member will proctor the auditions during which you will enter the room silently, play the required items, and leave silently. This process promotes fairness and rewards progress. The audition music for winds can be found at <http://bands.truman.edu/current-students/> categorized by instrument.

If you are new to Wind Symphony and have not auditioned for a scholarship, there is a separate audition procedure for admittance into the ensemble. Those auditions will take place during Truman Week, and the times are attached in the mailing. If you have any conflicts, please let me know ASAP.

All auditions will be completed during the first two days of classes and will be posted outside my office by Wednesday morning. Regular ensemble rehearsals will begin Wednesday, August 23. If you have an unavoidable conflict with the audition, please email me ([cprend@truman.edu](mailto:cprend@truman.edu)), and arrangements for an alternate audition time will be made. *Please make every effort to attend your instrument’s audition time*.

Sunday, August 20 Tuesday, August 22

12:00-5:00 1312 Freshmen 2:30-3:30 OPPH Tuba/Euph

5:00-7:00 2340 Percussion 11:00-12:00 OPPH Saxophone

12:00-1:00 OPPH Oboe/Bsn

Monday, August 21 2:00-3:20 OPPH Trombone

9:30-11:30am OPPH Flute/Pic 3:30-5:00 OPPH Trumpet

6:30-7:30 OPPH Horn

7:30-9:30 OPPH Clarinet

Beginning Wednesday, August 23, Wind Symphony I will rehearse every day from 11:30-12:20 and Wind Symphony II will rehearse MWF from 12:30-1:20. I hope you all are as excited as I am about the upcoming year! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Wind Symphony Information

*Freshman Auditions*

*Freshman auditions will be for admittance to the Wind Symphony. If you have already been awarded or auditioned for a band scholarship you will NOT need to complete this audition. If you cannot make your time please email me right away. Auditions will consist of scales, sight reading, and music selected from the Wind Symphony audition music posted online at http://bands.truman.edu/current-students/*

Auditions in my office: OP1312

**Sunday, Aug 20**

flute, oboe, bassoon 12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

clarinet, and saxes

trumpets, horns, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

low brass and percussion

Wind Symphony I rehearses every day everyday from 11:30-12:20

Wind Symphony II rehearses on M-W-F from 12:30-1:20.

Weekly rehearsal schedules will be emailed and posted by Monday morning outside my office.

Truman State University Concert Band Information

(MUSI 148/34.03)

*This band accepts all students who want to participate.*

Auditions are for **chair placement only**!

This band is taken as a separate class (1 credit).

**Auditions for Chair Placement and First Meeting:**

**Monday, October 16 - 3:30pm - Ophelia Parrish Performance Hall**

The band meets every Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:20 from October 29-December 7.

Fall Concert

**Tuesday, December 5 8:00pm Location OPPH**

If you have any questions please contact me at [cprend@truman.edu](mailto:cprend@truman.edu) or your conductor, Timothy Clasby at <tmc6712@truman.edu>.

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**MAJOR PERFORMING GROUPS**

**MARCHING BAND (Truman State University Statesmen)**

Winds: MUSI 148.01 1 hour credit

- No auditions

- Rehearses M W F at 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.

- Five home game performances/one or two out of town travel opportunities

Drumline/Front Ensemble: MUSI 148.02 1 hour credit

Colorguard: MUSI 148.06 1 hour credit

**WIND SYMPHONY I and WIND SYMPHONY II**

MUSI 148.04 1 hour credit

- Auditions during first week of school. See website for audition music.

- Truman premier performing ensemble

- 50 members

- Six concerts at home and tour each year

- Rehearses M-F at 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

**ORCHESTRA**

MUSI 146.01 1 hour credit

- Auditions during first week of school

- Full orchestra

- Four concerts a year

- Rehearses 7 – 9:20 p.m. Tuesdays and 3:30 - 5:20 p.m. Thursdays

**JAZZ ENSEMBLE**

MUSI 147.03 1 hour credit

- Auditions during 1st week of school

- Rehearses MWF at 1:30-2:20 p.m.

- Three concerts and a tour each year

**CANTORIA**

MUSI 149.01 1 hour credit

- Auditions during first week of school

- Rehearses M-F at 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.

- Frequent performances and one tour each year

**UNIVERSITY CHORUS**

MUSI 145.01 1 hour credit

- No auditions required

- Rehearses T-TH at 4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

- Frequent performances

**ADDITIONAL PERFORMING GROUPS**

**MUSI 148.03, 1 hour credit Concert Band**

-No auditions except for chair placement during last week of October

-Rehearses after Marching band is completed

-Rehearses M W at 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.

-Performs three concerts a year

**MUSI 147.01, 1 hour credit Jazz Lab**

-Auditions during 1st week of school

-Rehearses M W F at 2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

-Performs two or three concerts a year

**MUSI 147.02, 1 hour credit Jazz Combo**

-Auditions during 1st week of school

-Rehearses M W F at 12:30 - 1:20 p.m.

-Combos perform various concerts during the year

**MUSI 147.04, 1 hour credit Percussion Ensemble**

-Percussion assigned as needed

-Rehearses T TH at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

-Two - three concert performances per year

**MUSI 147.05, 1 hour credit Brass Choir**

-Auditions during 1st week of school

-Rehearses T TH at 1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

-Performs two concerts a year and one tour

**MUSI 147.06, 1 hour credit Chamber Choir**

-Auditions during 1st week of school

-Rehearsals to be arranged

-Performances as needed

**MUSI 147.10, 1 hour credit Franklin Street**

-Auditions during 1st week of school

-M-TH at 5:30 - 6:50 p.m.

-Frequent performances and one tour each year

**MUSI 147.09, President's String Quartet 1 hour of credit**

-Auditions during the 1st week of school

-Rehearses W 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

-Performs twice a year

**Men's/Women’ts Basketball Pep Band No Credit/$50 stipend**

-Auditions 1st week of November

-22 members

-10-13 game performances and one rehearsal

-$100 scholarship for each member