

The New England Conservatory of Music (NEC) will be holding auditions for their honors ensembles in May. Below, are the ensembles that are available for students in our band program. This past year we have had several students take advantage of this great program and have had incredible experiences. I would urge advancing musicians to consider auditioning for one of these performing groups!!

Students are placed through personal auditions (which may be videotaped) held in May. To register for an audition please visit <http://necprepauditions.com/>

### Youth Jazz Orchestra

[Ken Schaphorst](#), *Director*

The Youth Jazz Orchestra is a new ensemble that will debut in September 2008 at the NEC Preparatory School. The Orchestra will be directed by celebrated jazz artist Ken Schaphorst, who chairs NEC's college jazz studies department and directs the college-level jazz orchestra. The ensemble will rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 7–9pm, beginning in September, and is open to pre-college-age trumpet, trombone, saxophone, piano, guitar, bass, and percussion players. Auditions will take place on Sunday, May 4, and Friday, May 9. Students may schedule an audition for the NEC Youth Jazz Orchestra at [necprepauditions.com](http://necprepauditions.com). Students should come prepared to play a jazz piece of any sort (for example, a part they play in their school band or another ensemble would be fine). They should bring an extra copy so Schaphorst can play with them. We hope to also provide a rhythm section for the auditions. If students have experience improvising, they should demonstrate that, but it is not a requirement. Students will also be asked to sightread.

Wednesday, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

### Senior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble (Sr. MYWE)

[Michael Mucci](#), *Conductor*

Open to qualified woodwind, brass & percussion players in grades 10-12

Rehearse: Fri. 4:15-7:00 pm

To schedule an audition, please visit [www.necprepauditions.com](http://www.necprepauditions.com)

*If you have any questions, please call 617-585-1130.*

Audition Requirements:

Prepare a solo piece at the All-State Level.

Scales up to and including 4 sharps and 4 flats.

Sr. MYWE Audition Dates:

*(grades 10-12 as of September) New and returning students are required to audition.*

Sunday, May 3

Friday, May 8 *reserved for current MYWE students*

Sunday, May 10

Friday, May 15 *reserved for current MYWE students*

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**Jr. Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble (Jr. MYWE)**

[David Samour](#), *Conductor*

Open to qualified woodwind, brass & percussion players in grades 7-9

Rehearse: Fri. 4:15-7:00 pm

To schedule an audition, please visit <http://www.necprepauditions.com/>

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Audition Requirements:

Prepare a solo piece at the Junior District Level.

Scales up to and including 4 sharps and 4 flats.

Junior MYWE Audition Dates:

*(grades 7-9 as of September) New and returning students are required to audition.*

Friday, May 8 reserved for current JR. MYWE students

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10

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**Renaissance & Baroque Wind Band**

[Aldo Abreu](#), *Conductor*

Open to qualified woodwind and brass players in grades 7-12

Rehearse: Fri. 4:15 - 7:00pm

To schedule an audition, please visit <http://www.necprepauditions.com/>

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Audition Requirements:

Prepare two contrasting pieces.

Scales up to and including 4 sharps and 4 flats.

Baroque Ensemble Audition Dates:

Sunday, May 3

Sunday, May 10

Thank you,  
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