
Columbus Youth Percussion Ensemble



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Director

Dr. Paul Vaillancourt and the Schwob School of Music are initiating a regional youth percussion ensemble-intensive program for middle and high school students. Students will have a chance to develop their technique, reading, musical literacy and communication skills in an ensemble-focused environment. The group will share the stage with the Schwob Percussion Ensemble and Studio in end of semester concerts and recitals.

Location

Schwob School of Music
Room RC 1715 (band room)
Tuesdays 7-9pm

All instruments will be provided by the Schwob School of Music

Dates

1. **Audition date:** Tuesday, January 27, 7-9pm
2. **First rehearsal:** (Tuesdays, 7-9pm)
 - February 3, 10, 17, 24
 - March 3, 17, 24, 31
 - April 7
3. **Spring Concert**
 - Saturday, April 11, 7:30pm
 - Dress rehearsal, 4-6pm, Legacy Hall

Audition Materials

1. Any short solo work for snare drum
2. Any short work or excerpt for mallets AND/OR all-state scales (All-State pieces or equivalent would be appropriate)

There will be sight reading on mallets and snare drum at the audition.

Goals

1. Give students from the Greater Columbus area an opportunity to have an intensive ensemble-focused experience, comparable to that of groups in and around Atlanta such as the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony and Atlanta Youth Percussion Ensemble
2. Work intensively with Dr. V and grad students in a curricular/pedagogy-focused program
3. Develop a regional culture of musical proficiency and excellence in concert percussion
4. Provide students with ensemble strategies and techniques that could be incorporated into their own band programs.

*students must be enrolled in a school music program to participate

Registration and Fees

- \$150 per student per semester (covers all instruments/music/instruction)
- Includes 10 rehearsals/weekly sessions: every Tuesday from February 3 to April 11, in addition to the dress rehearsal and concert on Sat. April 11.
- Due at the First rehearsal: Tuesday, Feb. 3 - 7pm

Additional expenses:

Students might be asked to purchase mallets needed for specific repertoire, keeping in mind that these sticks/mallets could also be used for school, All-State, GHP, college-level repertoire.

For more information, email Dr. Vaillancourt directly at: vaillancourt_paul@columbusstate.edu

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