



Southeastern  
Massachusetts  
Wind Symphony

2019-2020

Member Handbook

## **About the Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony**

The Southeastern Massachusetts Wind Symphony is a continuing collaboration between the Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative (SMARTS) and the Wheaton College Music Department. Now in its eighteenth season, the Wind Symphony is comprised of area high school students, students from Wheaton College and adults from more than a dozen surrounding communities. Since 1991 the Wind Symphony has presented numerous concerts throughout the area while quickly establishing itself as one of the regions leading performing ensembles.

## **About the Conductor**

Earl Raney, conductor, is well known as the artistic director and solo trumpet of the award winning Epic Brass Quintet. (Roster Artist for the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Cultural Education Collaborative, and the New England Foundation for the Arts.) Since founding the Quintet in 1983 he has given over 1000 performances in 46 states, with appearances at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, and Carnegie Hall to name a few. Internationally, Mr. Raney has concertized in Canada, Bermuda, Jamaica, US Virgin Islands, England, Scotland, France, Austria, Germany, Poland, Italy, Switzerland, and the Far East. He has performed in several New England area orchestras and as principal trumpet of the Taipei Festival Orchestra in Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. Mr. Raney has recorded eight compact discs for the Ars Nova Digital record label.

As an educator, Mr. Raney directs band master classes, chamber music performance residencies, and trumpet clinics at numerous high schools, universities and college campuses each season. He presently serves on the faculty of Wheaton College Music Department and the Atlantic Union College Music Department where he conducts the wind ensemble. Mr. Raney is a 1984 graduate of Boston University's School for the Arts, holding a B.M. in trumpet performance. On a personal note, he considers his greatest accomplishment conducting the Raney Family Kazoo Band starring his children Daniel and Katie and his wife Barbara.

## **Fall 2019 Rehearsal Schedule**

**Rehearsals are held Thursday evenings at 7PM.**

August 29, 7 PM - Meet and Greet  
September 5, 7 PM - Registration /First Rehearsal  
October 31, 6 PM Early Rehearsal  
November 7, 6 PM Early Rehearsal  
December 5, 7-10 PM Dress Rehearsal  
December 6, 5 PM Warm Up Rehearsal  
December 6 7:30 PM Winter Concert

## **Spring 2020 Rehearsal Schedule**

January 23, 7 PM – Rehearsals for spring session begin  
April 2, 6 PM Early Rehearsal  
April 9, 6 PM Early Rehearsal  
April 30, 7-10 PM Dress Rehearsal  
May 1, 5 PM Warm Up Rehearsal  
May 1 7:30 PM Spring Concert

## **Attendance Policy**

The success of the Wind Symphony is due in part to regular attendance by Wind Symphony members at weekly rehearsals. Excused absences are permitted for family emergency, illness or job related matters. Attendance at dress rehearsals and concerts is mandatory.

Attendance will be recorded each week. The attendance policy for this year is as follows:

- You are permitted two excused absences during the fall schedule and two during the spring schedule. Permission to be absent from a dress rehearsal or a concert will only be granted by the Music Director. If you have such a conflict, you are required to notify the music director as soon as you know of the conflict so that your absence will not compromise the Wind Symphony's performance reputation.
- If you are absent three or more times you may be required to perform up to three excerpts to be chosen from the current concert repertoire before or after a rehearsal that is mutually convenient for you and the music director. Following your individual review the music director will determine if you are prepared to meet the concert obligations. This attendance provision will ensure part preparation and quality ensemble playing.

If you will be absent for an excused purpose, you are asked to record it in the Conflict Book or call Earl Raney at his home office: 508/339-3742.

- **Cancellation due to inclement weather:** It is the responsibility of the Wind Symphony conductor to notify SMARTS of rehearsal cancellation. SMARTS will then post cancellation updates to their Facebook page @SMARTSCollab and will send an email blast to all current members. Generally, when the schools are closed, we will not have rehearsal, however, always use your own discretion. The SMARTS office is closed during inclement weather.

### **Concert Dress**

Women      Black DRESS **below** the knee or black/**white**\* accented top with black skirt **below** the knee. No mini skirts or above the knee skirts or dresses are permitted when seated. Black pants, black vests or black jackets, OK. Black nylons with black shoes.  
\* **NOT** ivory, cream or off white

Men          Black tuxedo or black pants with black jacket  
White shirt with black bow tie  
Black socks and black shoes

### **Music Library**

Each member will be assigned her/his own folder for the entire season. You are responsible for the folder and its contents. Mail folders are numbered to correspond with your assigned folder and are not to be taken from the mail folder crate. Mail folders should be checked regularly for new music and announcements.

You will also find a folder in the mail crate for the conductor, librarian and for suggestions. These are designed to better serve you and improve your experience.

NOTE: Use PENCIL ONLY when marking music.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

SMARTS Collaborative  
Sherye Weisz, Director  
P.O. Box 356  
Attleboro, MA 02703

508-222-8484  
info@smartscollab.org

Facebook@SMARTSCollab for Wind Symphony updates

Earl Raney, Conductor

(Home Office Phone) 508-339-3742

## **Membership Fee**

The membership fee for the fall / spring season is as follows:

Wheaton College Student  
All others

Paid through tuition  
\$ 65.00 (\$32.50/half season)

The membership fee, along with grants and donations helps defray the cost of music, supplies, equipment, printing, administrative costs and general operating expenses of the Wind Symphony. Payments should be made payable to the SMARTS Collaborative and mailed to:

SMARTS Collaborative  
P.O. Box 356  
Attleboro, MA 02703

Payment can be made online at [www.smartscollab.org](http://www.smartscollab.org).

To arrange payment plans please call the SMARTS office at 508-222-8484