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June 1, 2021

To the Members of the 2021-22 Ball State Bands:

It’s always a pleasure to write to the members (and future members) of the Ball State University Bands and welcome them to our band program. The Ball State Bands have a long and rich tradition of outstanding musical performances in the concert hall, as well as athletic venues. I’m certain that the time you spend in the BSU Band program will be both musically challenging and rewarding.

Below, you will find information regarding membership in the “Pride of Mid-America” Marching Band, as well as audition information for the BSU Concert Ensembles. Participation in all of our bands is open to all students on the BSU campus. If you have a friend who might not be a music major but would like to participate in a band at Ball State, please pass this information along to them. Our ensembles are open to all students regardless of their major.

If you are a new member of the band, please understand that the entire band staff looks forward to meeting you and eagerly anticipates your participation in our band program. We hope you will make the Music Instruction Building your musical home-away-from-home while at BSU. If you are a returning band member, it is especially nice to welcome you back for another year. As a continuing band member, you are the backbone of the program.

This promises to be a sensational year for the “Pride of Mid-America” Marching Band, as well as all the athletic bands. Last year’s band was absolutely terrific. When one considers the obstacles created due to the pandemic, it was amazing to see how hard the members of the marching band worked to achieve their goals. I have no doubt that the 2021 edition of POMA will be the best ever and provide energy and spirit for the Cardinals.

The BSU Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, and Campus Band will continue to provide numerous opportunities for our students to display their musical artistry in performances on and off the Ball State campus. As usual, we will host a number of the nation’s most outstanding guest conductors and artists at our performances in beautiful Sursa Hall. Additionally, we will host the sixteenth annual BSU Wind Band Conducting Workshop in February. A highlight of the year will be the Wind Ensemble’s appearance at the 87th Convention of the American Bandmasters Association in March. The BSWE will have the opportunity to perform for many of the leading conductors and composers from throughout the United States at the convention.

As always, I have high expectations for all the BSU bands. As with any fine organization, the success of our program is directly dependent upon a commitment to excellence by the staff and students. We look forward to the musically enriching opportunities that lie ahead and the chance to work with you as a member of the band program.

Again, welcome to the Ball State University band program. Have a great summer, and GO CARDS!

Warm Regards,
Dr. Thomas Caneva
Director of Bands
July 12, 2021

Dear Musicians,

The Ball State University band family is excited to introduce you to campus or welcome you back for a great year! In this packet, you’ll get information about the ensemble audition schedule, course enrollment information, and how to join marching band.

We are so pleased to begin to return to some sense of normalcy! While plans are still being finalized with athletics and we are awaiting some protocol instructions from the University, you can be sure that the Pride of Mid-America will be heard loud and clear this fall at all home football games! I hope you will consider joining us. We’ve got lots of great shows planned and can’t wait to get our traditional Pregame show on the field after a year’s hiatus! Stay up to date on announcements this summer through social media (run by our AMAZING public relations team!!!): @ballstatepoma. Be sure to visit www.bsu.edu/poma to complete your registration for pre-season week by July 16th. This includes filling out a Google information form, paying band registration fee, and purchasing required apparel.

I am so looking forward to making music with our concert bands this year. It will be wonderful to be able to perform for live audiences in a full band setting again. I look forward to hearing your auditions; you can find more information below. Please visit www.bsu.edu/bands to access your audition music.

The entire band staff looks forward to welcoming you to campus. We have high expectations for you and cannot wait to see your commitment to excellence in action! Let us know if you have questions by emailing cehand@bsu.edu. Enjoy your summer, and see you this fall!

Go Cards! Chirp! Chirp!!!

Sincerely,

Dr. Caroline Hand
Associate Director of Bands
Director, “Pride of Mid-America” Marching Band
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY CONCERT BAND ENSEMBLES
FALL 2021

Any BSU student may audition or participate in the following ensembles

WIND ENSEMBLE (Membership by audition only: www.bsu.edu/bands)

Rehearsal Times: M, 7:30-9:00pm & W F, 12:15-1:45pm
Conductor: Dr. Caneva

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Location: MIB-152

Wind Ensemble is the premier concert ensemble in the Ball State Band program. Although primarily comprised of music majors, the ensemble is open to all BSU students through audition. The band performs three concerts during the semester.

SYMPHONY BAND (Membership by audition only: www.bsu.edu/bands)

Rehearsal Times: M, 6:00-7:15pm & T R, 2:00-3:15pm
Conductor: Dr. Hand

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Location: MIB-152

Symphony Band is primarily comprised of music majors; however, the ensemble is open to all BSU students through audition. The band performs three concerts during the semester.

CAMPUS BAND (No audition requirement)

Rehearsal Times: Tues, 7:00-9:00pm (7:30-9:30 pending)
Conductor: Madison Argo, Adam Friedrich, Stuart Ivey

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Location: MIB-152

Campus Band is open to all BSU students. The group consists of non-music majors as well as music majors. The ensemble rehearses one night per week and performs one concert during the semester. Music education majors often choose to perform on secondary instruments in Campus Band. To join Campus band, attend the first rehearsal on Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m. in MIB-152.

Audition music and Sign-up Procedure will be available online in mid-July at www.bsu.edu/bands

2020-2021 Concert Dates found online:
http://cms.bsu.edu/calendar/calendars/academics/school-of-music/bands

Fall 2021 Class Registration Information

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Note: zero credit options available for all courses; must get permission from School of Music to enroll in zero credit; email Dr. Hand for info: cehand@bsu.edu
**FALL 2021 BAND & ORCHESTRA AUDITION SIGN-UP PROCEDURE**

**WINDS & PERCUSSION**

*You will audition ONE TIME for band and orchestra placement*

*All music majors are required audition for an ensemble*

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The Wind Ensemble will be performing at the National Convention of the American Bandmasters Association in Indianapolis, March 2022. Students who will not be able to perform at the Convention in the spring due to student teaching should let Dr. Caneva know *prior* to the audition. Otherwise, Wind Ensemble should be considered a two-semester commitment. Auditions *will* occur in late fall for spring placement in Wind Symphony/Symphony Band.

Audition excerpts can be downloaded on the band website (bsu.edu/bands). They are also available from your applied professor. You must sign up for an audition time on the google form found at bsu.edu/bands.

If you have a conflict with your assigned audition time, please contact your applied professor and Dr. Caneva ([caneva@bsu.edu](mailto:caneva@bsu.edu)) PRIOR to your scheduled time.

The morning of Tuesday, August 24 will be used for make-up auditions. Please see your applied faculty member to schedule a make-up audition time.

Please be on time to your audition. Missing your audition may result in not being assigned to a major designated ensemble or assigned to a non-auditioned ensemble.
Ball State University
The “Pride of Mid-America” Marching Band

Step-by-Step “How to Join” Guide

1. Before enrolling:
   a.) Students interested in Drumline and Color Guard will need to complete an audition in late April or early May. Click on your respective tabs on this webpage for audition details.
   b.) Woodwind and Brass players may enroll with NO audition

2. Enroll in the class!
   a.) Current Ball State Students: during your scheduled enrollment timeslot, enroll in MUSC 340 2D
   b.) Incoming Freshmen: at orientation, tell your advisor to enroll you in marching band: MUSC 340 2D
   c.) Students at or above 18 credit hours: email Dr. Hand cehand@bsu.edu for special permission to enroll in the zero credit option of the course: MUSC 140 2D

3. Check your BSU email account!
   a.) Over the summer, you will receive email instructions regarding how to register for band camp, access the pre-season information packet, pay your band fee, and order apparel

That’s it!!! 3 easy steps to making the best decision of your college career! Have more questions? Look under the FAQ on this webpage or email Dr. Hand, director of the Pride of Mid-America: cehand@bsu.edu