

South High Community Band

Participant Guidelines Booklet

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Organization

South High Community Band (SHCB) was started in cooperation with the South High Foundation (South's Alumni Association) in 2004. The original idea behind the creation of these groups was to encourage life-long musicianship of South's graduating band members. Over the years, it has expanded to be an ensemble of musicians from all walks of life from many different high schools and from the community at large. The SHCB is managed by a Board of Advisors (BOA).

Mission Statement and Purpose

The South High Community Band (SHCB) supports musical excellence and lifelong musical scholarship by engaging and supporting the community through concert band performance.

The purpose of SHCB is to:

- Provide a musical outlet for talented members of the community
- Provide music listening opportunities for the community
- Support the South High Music Program through financial contributions as well as musical opportunities for South High students
- Expand access for musical expression to all members of the community

Statement of Inclusivity

SHCB does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members and guests.

Participation

- Participation in SHCB is open to musicians of all ages. No prior connection to South High is necessary
- Participants need to display satisfactory playing ability and competence
- Participants must attend rehearsals regularly and perform regularly with the group
- Participants are asked to pay an annual donation to SHCB, in amounts determined by the BOA
- Participants who are not showing needed musical proficiency, attendance and/or commitment may be asked to take a sabbatical from the ensemble

Annual Donations

SHCB tax-deductible annual donations are paid to the South High Foundation. Annual donations help

fund the ensemble's efforts, pay conductor salary, and support South High School Music Department.

Participants are asked to donate the full recommended amount unless financial hardship exists.

Recommended donations are:

- Full season Concert Band - \$60; Jazz Band - \$30
- If joining after January 1, Concert Band - \$30; Jazz Ensemble - \$15
- Students and unemployed/underemployed are asked to pay \$10
- Participants are able to donate in installments over the course of the season if desired
- No one will be turned away for inability to contribute, please speak to the BOA president
- Donations can be paid by cash or check (made payable to the South High Foundation with "Community Band" written in the memo line), Online or PayPal. Donations can be given to the treasurer or president
- Participants are encouraged to make a contribution in excess of the requested donation amount, if desired

Rehearsals and Concerts

- Rehearsals are held weekly on Tuesday nights at South High, 3131 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, September through June
- Concert Band - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm; Jazz Band - 8:30 pm
- Participants are expected to arrive 15 minutes before the rehearsal starts to allow time to settle in and warm up. Musicians are expected to be ready to begin playing at 7pm
- Concert schedule will be determined at the beginning of the season by the conductor and the BOA. Concert dates and venues may change throughout the year based on unforeseen circumstances
- Participants are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts; attendance will be taken
- All absences, intended or unintended, should be communicated to the conductor and the section leader
- Attendance at the last rehearsal before a concert is required. Any musician who must miss these rehearsals will need to contact their section leader and conductor for permission to perform in the scheduled concert

Dress Code

- Rehearsals-casual
- Performances-all black
- Pancake Breakfast-orange or black SHCB t-shirt, which can be purchased or rented for a fee
- Concerts in the park-to be determined by the BOA

Conductor's Responsibilities

- Conducts rehearsals and performances
- Chooses music for the band to play
- Recommends music and equipment purchases to the BOA

- Assists the BOA in recruiting new members and ensuring the sections remain balanced
- Participates on the BOA
- Challenges the band to perform more difficult music and to play to the best of its ability
- Facilitates rehearsal and performance site and schedule

Associate Conductor's Responsibilities

- Is an active participant of the ensemble
- Conducts 1-2 pieces per performance
- Rehearses selected pieces with the band weekly
- Conducts rehearsals in Conductor's absence when necessary

Section Leader Responsibilities

- Welcome new musicians to the section
- Determine placement within section/assign parts
- Facilitate community building during sectional break-out time
- Lead section rehearsals when needed

Ensemble Participant Responsibilities

- Be present at rehearsal and performances
- Be accountable for communicating with BOA regarding donation
- Be responsible and respectful with active participation in rehearsal
- Practice towards proficiency of part
- Basic knowledge of scales, key signatures and time signatures

Librarian Responsibilities

- Pass out music to ensemble
- Collect and sort music after concerts as needed
- Copy additional parts as needed

Board of Advisors Responsibilities

- Attend all board meetings
- Vote on matters that are brought to the board
- Ensure sufficient daily operations of the band

Inclement Weather Policy

Rehearsals and concerts may be cancelled due to inclement weather. The decision to cancel a rehearsal or concert will be made by the BOA with the advice of the conductor. If Minneapolis Public Schools close due to inclement weather, any SHCB rehearsal or concert scheduled that day will be cancelled as well.

In the event that a rehearsal or concert is cancelled, an email will be sent to all participants as soon as

the decision is made. An announcement will also be posted on the South High Community Band Facebook page. Please ensure the BOA has your correct email address and “like” the South High Community Band Facebook page for this reason. If it seems the weather may be an issue, please check your email frequently and/or monitor our Facebook page.

South High Community Band Board of Advisors

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