

## CSRA New Horizons Band Information Packet - Spring 2011

### Purpose

New Horizons Bands are part of a nationwide organization of music groups designed for participants who are 50 years of age or older. These groups include bands, choirs, orchestras, jazz bands - you name it. More about the history and purpose of New Horizons groups can be found online at [www.newhorizonsmusic.org](http://www.newhorizonsmusic.org). The primary purpose of the CSRA New Horizons Band is to improve the quality of life for its members and our community. We strive to do this by experiencing and sharing the art of music among ourselves and with others.

### Fees

Membership dues are \$150/semester, for the first two semesters. Thereafter, dues are \$100. This money pays administrative fees, music (including the method books used by members), equipment maintenance, and private lessons. The first deadline for payment is **January 25**. Payment options are flexible and can be adjusted to fit most any situation. Options include month-by-month plans, or periodic installments spread out across the year.

### Rehearsals

Starting on Tuesday, January 11, the band will rehearse on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00. Beginner band meets 5-6 and intermediate band meets 6-7. Members can play in both bands, if they wish. We will meet in room 125 in the Etherredge Center on the campus of USC Aiken. Members are expected to attend rehearsals on time and prepared for the day's work. In case of missed rehearsals, please contact the director.

### Instruments

The CSRA NHB is a concert band, and uses the following instruments: flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba, and drums/percussion. At the kick-off meetings, you will have the opportunity to try any and every instrument you wish. Professional music teachers will be there to assist you in choosing an instrument that you like and one that provides you the best opportunity for success.

*Members are expected to provide their own instrument.* USCA will offer rental instruments on a limited basis, and Pecknel Music, a Columbia music store, will be on hand to assist you in renting or purchasing an instrument. Costs vary depending on instruments chosen, but most are very reasonable and run about \$30-\$40 per month (see attached). For instruments such as bassoon and tuba, which are not rented through stores, a variety of finance/purchase options are available. More information about instruments and equipment are in the following pages.

### Contact Information

Please feel free to contact Jo Whitson, CSRA NHB Coordinator, by phone, 803-641-1200 or cell, 803-645-7060, or by e-mail at [joze@bellsouth.net](mailto:joze@bellsouth.net). E-mail communication is the most effective.

## **Private Lesson Information**

The private lesson component of the CSRA NHB Program is designed for two purposes: 1) primary instruction for first-year players, and 2) supplemental instruction for players with 1 or more years experience. Here are the details:

### **For 1<sup>st</sup>-Year Players**

Each person with 1 year or less experience will receive ten lessons per semester as part of their primary instruction. Lessons are included in dues for the first semester/year of enrollment; after the first completed semester/year, the player may then take lessons for an additional fee (see below).

### **For Experienced Players**

Members with 1 year or more experience may take lessons for an additional fee of \$50/semester.

### **For All Members**

#### *Lesson Frequency & Length*

Each person enrolled in the lesson program will receive 10 lessons/semester. Individual private lessons are 30 minutes; two-member lessons are 45 minutes; 3 member lessons are 60 minutes in length.

#### *Lesson Staff*

Staff are undergraduate students of the USCA music program, and have been approved by the NHB director.

#### *Lesson Scheduling*

Lessons may be scheduled at times and locations convenient to the teacher and the student. If the teacher is willing, lessons may be taught in member's homes. Lessons may be taught in the Etherredge Center, but check with the director for space availability before scheduling.

#### *Lesson Cancellation/Rescheduling*

If cancelled by teacher: A make-up lesson is guaranteed, and should be scheduled at the earliest possible convenience. Extending a scheduled lesson for additional time *does not* fulfill the make-up lesson requirement.

If cancelled by NHB member: Every effort will be made to reschedule a make-up lesson. Please contact the lesson instructor as soon as possible if a lesson will be missed ("no-show" lessons may not be rescheduled). In unique circumstances, make-up lessons will be at the discretion of the NHB director.

#### If a lesson needs to be cancelled or rescheduled:

Contact the lesson instructor. Cancellations should be made at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson day and time whenever possible.

Questions/comments about the CSRA NHB lesson program and the policy stated above can be directed to:

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### Information for FLUTE

If you have chosen to play flute, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model flute  
Recommended brands: Yamaha, Accent, Armstrong
2. Swab & Tuning Rod (should come included in case).
3. Small hand-held mirror.
4. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

Optional Equipment:

1. Small pocket-sized metronome.

You may purchase your instrument from wherever you choose. The CSRA NHB recommends Pecknel Music, 732 Saluda Avenue, 799-6860. Stores in the CSRA include:

Vintage Music	318 Park Avenue Southeast, Aiken	803-644-8399
Rock Bottom Music	1032 Pine Log Rd, Aiken	803-649-1919
	758 Broad St, Augusta	706-724-1172
Portman's Music Superstore	4020 Washington Rd, Augusta	706-738-1651

### **Important Note:**

***Please do not*** purchase your instrument from anyone other than a reputable music dealer. Large 'big box' stores may offer instruments at prices that seem very competitive. The instruments, however, are usually of lesser quality and may hinder your experience learning and playing the instrument.

Used instruments are an acceptable option. Please contact the CSRA NHB director prior to purchasing a used instrument from a private seller, or bring the instrument for an inspection prior to use.

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### Information for OBOE

If you have chosen to play oboe, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model oboe  
Preferred brands: Yamaha, Fox
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 3 oboe reeds, beginner strength .
4. 1 small circular canister (such as an empty pill bottle or film case, used for wetting reeds).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
6. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

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### Information for CLARINET

If you have chosen to play clarinet, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model clarinet, plastic or wood.  
Preferred brands: Yamaha, Buffet
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 3 clarinet reeds, number 2 ½ strength, and reed protector case.
4. Small hand-held mirror.
5. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

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### Information for ALTO SAXOPHONE

If you have chosen to play alto saxophone, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model alto saxophone  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, Accent, King
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 3 alto saxophone reeds, number 2 ½ strength, and reed protector case.
4. Small hand-held mirror.
5. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

Optional Equipment:

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### Information for TENOR SAXOPHONE

If you have chosen to play tenor saxophone, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model tenor saxophone  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, Accent, King
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 3 tenor saxophone reeds, number 2 ½ strength, and reed protector case.
4. Small hand-held mirror.
5. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

Optional Equipment:

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### Information for BASSOON

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1. Beginning model bassoon  
Preferred brand: Fox
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 3 bassoon reeds, beginner strength, and reed protector case.
4. 1 small circular canister (such as an empty pill bottle or film case, used for wetting reeds).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
6. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

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### Information for TRUMPET

If you have chosen to play trumpet, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model trumpet  
Preferred brands: Yamaha, Accent, King, Conn
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 1 bottle valve oil, 1 tube slide grease.
4. 1 light rag or towel (such as a bandana).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
6. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

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### Information for HORN

If you have chosen to play horn, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model double-horns  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, King, Conn, Holton
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 1 bottle valve oil, 1 tube slide grease.
4. 1 light rag or towel (such as a bandana).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
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### Information for TROMBONE

If you have chosen to play trombone, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning model trombone  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, Accent, King, Conn
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 1 tube slide grease or cream & small spray bottle.
4. 1 light rag or towel (such as a bandana).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
6. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

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### Information for EUPHONIUM

If you have chosen to play euphonium, you will need to get the following...

1. Euphonium, either 3 or 4-valve  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, King, Conn
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 1 bottle valve oil, 1 tube slide grease.
4. 1 light rag or towel (such as a bandana).
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### Information for TUBA

If you have chosen to play tuba, you will need to get the following...

1. BBb Tuba, 4-valves  
Preferred brand: Yamaha, King, Conn
2. Swab (should come included in case).
3. 1 bottle valve oil, 1 tube slide grease.
4. 1 light rag or towel (such as a bandana).
5. Small hand-held mirror.
6. Wire Music Stand (for practice at home).

#### Optional Equipment:

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### Information for PERCUSSION

If you have chosen to play percussion, you will need to get the following...

1. Beginning percussion kit w/ snare drum (or pad) & bells  
Preferred brands: Ludwig, Pearl, Yamaha
2. 1 pair snare drum sticks.
3. 1 pair bell mallets (if not included in kit).
4. 1 pocket-sized metronome
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