

Wind Symphony: Strike Up the Band!

If you love concert band, pep band, jazz band—all things band—you'll love the MLC Wind Symphony! They play sacred, standard, and contemporary repertoire for four concerts a year—plus an annual tour. We asked two juniors to tell us the score:



Emma Pufahl (*WISCO / Emmanuel-Tempe AZ*) is a junior flute player majoring in elementary ed and instrumental music ed. She also conducted the Wind Symphony this year as part of her conducting class requirement.

Emma's High Notes: I've made friends I probably wouldn't have if I weren't in Wind Symphony. I also love that we get to play some difficult music that challenges me as a musician and helps me grow.

College vs. HS Band: One of the largest differences between college and high school ensembles is the difficulty of music. Another is the quality of the ensemble. Everyone in Wind Symphony has years of experience. The group is at a high level. One final difference is the speed of the year. Wind Symphony has four concerts, and each one has only about six weeks of rehearsal.

Tours Are a Blast: In the bus meetings on tour, we have really funny segments such as the Dating Game, Host with the Most, and Sizzling Questions.

Her Coda: My major opens a wonderful door to ministry. I hope to be a high school band director, but until then I'd like to teach lessons and teach music to kids. I also hope to join a community band.

Micah Schibbelhut (*Luther HS / St. Paul-Onalaska WI*) is a junior trombone player majoring in elementary ed and life science ed.

Micah's High Notes: What struck me right away at MLC was how much everyone around me loved music. There's such a sense of musical comradery in Wind Symphony. And it's not a required course for most, so the basis of our motivation is a pure joy of music.

Director Knows His Music Staff Stuff: Professor Miles Wurster does an excellent job of instructing the ensemble about the musicality of our pieces. He emphasizes expressive elements and helps the music dance.

Music and Ministry: While I'm not a music major, I hope to incorporate music into my future classroom as much as possible. I also want to use my musical abilities in whatever church I attend, whether it's playing in ensembles or leading them.



MLC Is the Place to Be: Chapel gives you a daily opportunity to reflect on God's providence through music. The four choirs regularly enlist the help of instrumentalists. If you're familiar with contemporary music, you can sing or play in chapels led by the Worship Ensemble. Even if you just want to find some friends to jam out with, that can happen too. I play guitar and sometimes drums in a country and rock cover band called Last Dor. If you have any interest in music, MLC is the place to be!



Scan the QR code for information about auditions, performances, tours—everything you need to know about how you can be part of Wind Symphony at Martin Luther College!