

"For a group of people who never get this opportunity to perform on an indoor circuit on this intimate of a level with an audience, a door has been opened for them."

Chris Wing
Greenfield Central HS, Winds Director

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WGI WINDS AT WGI.ORG/WINDS**



**ENROLL YOUR BAND PROGRAM INTO ONE OF THE MOST
REWARDING INDOOR MARCHING ARTS EXPERIENCES!**





WGI Winds presents marching ensembles of any instrumentation in the same performance environment as indoor color guard and percussion ensembles. As one of the world's largest and most influential marching arts organizations, WGI is bringing the same exciting competitive and educational opportunities to students in the winds section in support of the total band program.

WHY WGI WINDS?

WGI Sport of the Arts exists to provide a venue for young people to achieve the extraordinary through performance and competition. WGI Winds is a natural extension of an already existing indoor color guard and percussion ensemble divisions that continue to grow at a phenomenal rate each year worldwide.

WHAT CLASSES OF COMPETITION ARE OFFERED?

There are two levels of classification: Independent and Scholastic. Independent groups are self organized and funded, sometimes they are an extension of a college program. The independent class has no age limit. Scholastic ensembles are programs that compete on behalf of their school.

For both Independent and Scholastic classes, WGI offers competitive divisions of A Class, Open Class and World Class. This will allow ensembles to compete and be compared with other groups at a similar skill level. Ensembles in A Class use a beginners skill set, Open Class has an intermediate skill set and World Class an advanced skill set.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE ALLOWED IN WGI WINDS?

Instruments typically utilized and recognized as part of a band or orchestra are allowed, but an emphasis is made on wind instruments within the adjudication music caption.

WHEN DOES THE COMPETITIVE SEASON BEGIN?

The competitive season begins in February and finishes in April at the Winds World Championships. Check out wgi.org to find out if a winds competition is being hosted near you!

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Log onto wgi.org/winds to find educational videos and answers to your questions. You can also email or call Judy Bollman at the WGI office at bollman@wgi.org, (937) 247-5919.

"As a long time member/instructor/director of WGI Percussion ensembles, it is very fulfilling to finally be able to share the impact of this experience with a wider range of students."

Scott Uzarski
Entourage Winds Director

"Now that we have WGI Winds, people can march their best instrument, and for me that's clarinet."

Alayna Cate
Charter Member of Rhythm X Winds

"I think this is the most exciting thing that has happened for our group in years and cant wait to see where this new class takes us!"

Dave Marvin
Northglenn Performance Theatre Winds Director

"Speaking with directors across the country, I was most excited to hear them talk about the improvement in their student's playing, and the ripple of enthusiasm the winds group made for all aspects of the their band program."

Wayne Markworth
Director of WGI Winds

