

UWSP Horn Newsletter

Teaching Artists, Transforming Lives.



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Dear Hornists:

Welcome to another school year. I hope your summer was restful and that you had plenty of time to practice!!

We here at UWSP are looking forward to an exciting year. The UWSP Horn Studio will have its usual plethora of activities this fall. On November 1, the horn choir will be on tour to Merrill and Rhinelander; on November 4, we will host Randy Gardner, former second horn with the Philadelphia Orchestra; on November 9, we will host the **23rd Annual UWSP Horn Fest**. As many of you know, this is the longest-running and largest event of this kind in the state. Little did I know that when I started this event in 1991 that it would run this long. We have had over 1,000 hornists attend through the years. Last year, we had 60 horns on stage for the final concert! I hope that you can join me, the UWSP Horn Choir, the Neenah High Sun Prairie Horn Ensemble and the massed festival horn choir. Come one, come all!

We are also having the 2nd annual UWSP Brass Day on November 9, so load the van with brass players and come to Stevens Point!

Registration info can be found at the UWSP Music Department website.

That's it for now. If you are getting this newsletter from your band director, but would like to receive it at home, email me your address and year that you will graduate from high school to be put on the mailing list. Have a great fall semester and I hope to see many of you at some of the horn events this fall.



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Auditions

Auditions are required for all incoming music majors and minors prior to admission to the Department of Music. Dates for admission in the Fall of 2014 are:

February 15, 2014
March 8, 2014
March 28, 2014

February 15 and March 8 auditions are for scholarship consideration as well as entrance to the program.

For more information about auditions, including necessary forms and preparation information, visit our website at www.uwsp.edu/music and click on "New Student Auditions".

Questions? Contact Monica Anderson at 715-346-3841 or moanders@uwsp.edu

FREE Lesson!

Thinking about attending UWSP and want to see what we're all about? Please contact me for a complimentary lesson and tour at pmiles@uwsp.edu or call 715-346-2027.



Curing Summer Lip Syndrome



Many of you are playing for the first time in days, if not weeks, with the beginning of marching band season. To prevent any damage to the embouchure, pay attention to the following tips:

Don't push yourself too hard at first.

This may cause you to hurt your embouchure and delay the year even more. Try doing a short warm-up every day before practicing. Remember that athletes don't try to run a marathon the first day of practice. They, too, must slowly and completely return to performance shape - horn playing is the same.

Playing horn on the football field can be very good for your lip providing you are doing everything correctly.

Loud playing can strengthen your embouchure, but it can also severely damage it if you:

- play past the point of fatigue
- use too much pressure, or
- try to play too high, too soon.

Remember to keep your chin flat, don't puff out your cheeks and keep the pressure off of your upper lip. Be reasonable with your embouchure and see how strong and powerful you can become this year.

During the marching season, you especially have to keep your concert lip and sound concept in shape.

A few minutes of careful practice, being certain you are playing with a clean, warm sound and clear articulation can be very beneficial. Or better yet, try to get a chamber group together now. A wind or brass quintet has lots of music

available to it and can be fun for everyone involved while at the same time encouraging each of you to play with control, good intonation and a sense of independence.

Many of you may be playing exclusively on some type of marching horn. Make sure that you play your regular horn for a few minutes every day, or do your entire warm-up on your horn. This will help maintain your sense of tone and pitch when it comes time for concert season.



Upcoming Events

The UWSP Symphony Orchestra will give its first concert of the year on Friday, October 18. We will be celebrating the 200th anniversaries of Verdi and Wagner and the centennial of Benjamin Britten. The concert will also include the UWSP Wind Ensemble.

UWSP Symphony Orchestra
October 18, 7:30 p.m.
Noel Fine Arts Center | Michelsen Hall

Tickets for concerts available at tickets.uwsp.edu or call 715-346-4100

The UWSP Horn Choir will present a recital on Thursday, November 7. The twelve member ensemble presents a concert every fall as well as serves as host for the annual horn festival.

UWSP Horn Choir
November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Noel Fine Arts Center | Michelsen Hall



23rd Annual UWSP Horn Fest

It's time for Horn Fest! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 9 to join us for rehearsals, sectionals, master classes and a finale massed horn choir concert, all held in the Noel Fine Arts Center on the UWSP campus.

The festival is designed to give encouragement and inspiration to players of an often neglected and frequently misunderstood instrument and is open to horn players in middle school and up. Our guests this year is the Sun Prairie High School Horn Ensemble. This is a great opportunity to get together with people who share a common interest in music making on the horn - the more that come, the more fun it is, please join us this November!

Registration Fee: \$25
includes festival music, master class handout and a festival t-shirt - registrations due Nov. 1

Schedule of Events

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| 9:30 a.m. | Registration |
| 10:00 a.m. | UWSP ensembles perform |
| 10:30 a.m. | group warm-up/master class |
| 11:00 a.m. | massed horn choir rehearsal |
| 12:00 p.m. | lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | combined large ensemble (everyone) |
| 2:00 p.m. | breakout sessions |
| 3:00 p.m. | massed ensemble rehearsal |
| 4:00 p.m. | concert (guest horn ensemble, massed horn choir, massed low brass group, massed everyone! |
| 5:00 p.m. | festival commences |

More information and registration form: www.uwsp.edu/music

Online Events Calendar

The College of Fine Arts & Communication is a vibrant, active college with events to attend almost daily...many of which are free! For information about current events, LIKE us on Facebook or visit our webpage at www.uwsp.edu/cofac to view the schedule of current and upcoming college events.

ViewPoint Days

ViewPoints are comprehensive visit programs where you and other prospective students spend a fun and informative day on campus. ViewPoints include presentations on admissions, financial aid, student life and career services. Campus tours include an in-depth look at a residence hall. Lunch (your only expense - \$5.00 each), small-group discussions with professors, and a student panel round out your day on campus. Parents and other family members or friends are welcome!

To find out more about ViewPoint Days, or to schedule your visit, contact the UWSP Admissions office at 715-346-2441; admiss@uwsp.edu; or visit their website at www.uwsp.edu/admissions.

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December 13!



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