

“ 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



Enroll your band program in one of the most rewarding indoor marching arts experiences.

Find out more information about WGI Winds at wgi.org/winds

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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 the already existing indoor color guard and percussion divisions, which continue to grow at a phenomenal rate each year.

WHAT CLASSES OF COMPETITION ARE OFFERED?

There are two levels of classification: Independent and Scholastic. Independent groups are self-organized and funded and have no age limit for performing members. Many colleges and universities have winds programs that fall into the independent class. Scholastic ensembles are programs that compete on behalf of their school or district.

For both independent and scholastic classes, WGI offers competitive divisions of A, Open, and World Class. This will allow ensembles to compete and be compared with other groups at a similar skill level.

WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE ALLOWED IN WGI WINDS?

All instruments typically recognized as part of a band or orchestra are allowed, but an emphasis is placed on wind instruments in the music adjudication caption.

"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

WHEN DOES THE COMPETITIVE SEASON BEGIN?

The competitive season begins in February and finishes in April at the Winds World Championships. Find a winds regional near you at WGI.org!

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Scan the QR code below for more information on beginning your own group and find answers to our most frequently asked questions regarding winds.

START A GROUP



WINDS FAQ



For more information you can email or call the WGI office at office@wgi.org (937) 247-5919

"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