

Program Description



WHAT IS THE GUILD?

- ✓ A central Indiana institution since 1960
- ✓ Incorporated in 2002
- ✓ Weekly ensemble rehearsals
- ✓ Open to all band instrument students
- ✓ Expert instruction by volunteer mentors
- ✓ Tuition free

Our mission is to provide a musical instruction program to the students of Indianapolis that includes individual encouragement and opportunities for group playing with veteran musicians. The Guild activities supplement traditional music education in school band programs and private lessons.



Programs

The Guild operates four programs (Explorer, Apprentice, Journeyman, and performing ensembles) addressing different stages of the musician's career.

The **Explorer** program addresses early wind and percussion students, typically 5th to 8th graders, in a classroom setting with emphasis on developing the basic skills required to perform effectively in an ensemble. To qualify for entry at the explorer level, the student must have six months experience on the instrument, perform the C scale and be able to read simply melodies. We admit no more than eight Explorers at a time in order to guarantee individual attention.

The **Apprentice** program targets young musicians who have sufficient skills to perform in ensemble. The core activity of the Apprentice program is rehearsals in small group settings, where students play together with adult mentors in an atmosphere that is free-flowing and fun, yet demanding. The mentors share tips and techniques that lead to mastery of the students' chosen instruments.

When students progress beyond the Apprentice level, they become **Journeyman**, and are typically of high school age. The Guild supports several adult **Performing Ensembles**, which create opportunities for Journeyman to rehearse and perform the most varied and challenging music. In addition, the Guild arranges for Journeyman to participate with other adult ensembles in the community in order to develop self-sufficiency. Journeyman are encouraged to continue participating in the weekly Apprentice sessions to assist in the mentoring of younger students.

Enrollment

Students are admitted to the Guild based on their desire to achieve at music and their commitment to the effort required to develop musical skills.

The 2009-2010 term begins on
Saturday September 26, 2009
10:00AM - noon
Arsenal Technical High School
Instrumental music room

Placement auditions will take place at that session. Students should bring their instrument if they have access to one. If you have any questions, please call:

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See additional details at **PhillipsGuild.org**