



MAPLE RIDGE CONCERT BAND

ALL BEGINNERS CONCERT BAND SYLLABUS

The All Beginners Concert Band, directed by Geeta Das, is the first step to introducing (or re-introducing) yourself to the wide and wonderful world of music! Whether you used to play an instrument in school, would like to switch instruments, or have never had any exposure to music whatsoever, this is the ensemble for you. Starting from the very beginning of the musical journey, this class serves as a condensed introduction to everything you need to know in order to become a spectacular musician within a concert band.

In this course you will learn all of the primary elements of music making including reading music, instrument techniques, musical concepts such as rhythm, dynamics and style, music appreciation and exploration (history) and basic music theory. No prior knowledge of music is required. A successful, entertaining learning experience is guaranteed!

This is a condensed course, during which time you will experience an average of 1 year's worth of typical music education in a shortened span. A great deal of material is covered each week. Therefore, it is highly recommended that all students attend on a weekly basis. At the end of the course, the ABC band merges with the Intermediate Concert Band in order to continue their exponential growth with fellow mentors in the larger concert band.

This ensemble rehearses on Tuesday evenings at a Maple Ridge High School. There is a yearly membership fee. Please visit our website for more information regarding registration (www.mrcb.ca).

Not sure which instrument on which you would like to start your musical journey? Here are your options:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Bassoon
- Clarinet (B flat or Bass)
- Saxophone (Alto, tenor, or baritone)
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Euphonium or Baritone
- Tuba
- String Bass (upright, not electric)
- Concert Percussion (not drum kit)

We can help you with any obstacles you may find in starting your musical journey with advice from all of our staff and experienced members. If you are having a difficult time choosing, please feel free to contact us for some advice on what will work best for you. By contacting us, we will provide information on affordable rental instruments or advice on how to revive that old horn that's been in the back of your closet for years! It's time to blow the dust out of it and let it fulfill its purpose: that of making beautiful music.

Still not sure if this is the right choice for you? Turn that *maybe* into *ayes* and attend our information session in September (see www.mrcb.ca for date and time). You will have the chance to meet the director and discuss the right path for you in this course. Life is too short to deny yourself the gift of music, so jump in with both feet and get ready for the time of your life!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@mrcb.ca or visit our website at www.mrcb.ca. We look forward to hearing from you, and to making music with you in the year to come.