

The MacPhail Woodwind Quintet is a performance-oriented ensemble comprised of high school students chosen by competitive audition. In addition to presenting their own recitals at MacPhail, previous year's groups have performed in the community, auditioned for the Minnesota Varsity and SPCO Chamber Music Competitions and recorded in a professional studio. *Click on the link below to hear a recording of the 2015-2016 Quintet performing music by Ibert.*

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In rehearsal, the focus is on ensemble playing and musicianship. Repertoire is chosen to challenge students individually and to explore a cross-section of the Woodwind Quintet repertoire. Rehearsals are scheduled roughly every other week for 2 hours at MacPhail's Minneapolis location. (14 rehearsals, October-April.) Scheduling is determined by student availability, and will be arranged once the ensemble has been formed.

For the audition, students should prepare scales and two brief solo(s) or etude(s) representing their expressive and technical abilities. Only video auditions will be accepted. Suitable formats include physical dvds, drop-box files and You Tube links. For information about specific scale requirements per instrument and instructions for recording and submitting your video file, please contact Nina Olsen at 612-767-5317, or olsen.nina@macphail.org.

The audition deadline for the 2017-18 Quintet is Saturday, September 16 at 6pm.

Registration cost for a full year's participation in the Quintet is \$614.05. (\$287/semester plus an annual registration fee and processing fees.) There are no additional fees for performances or competition entries. Financial aid is available.

The MacPhail Center for Music is committed to presenting quality musical experiences to all students. Interested students should take the audition. After the auditions have been judged, students invited to be in the Quintet will have the opportunity to apply for financial aid if the cost of tuition will be a barrier to participation.