

Ensembles open to Nova Scotian students

Need help preparing for your auditions? Set up lessons with the O'Neill Flute Studio!

www.flutestudio.com

National Youth Band

Website: <https://www.canadianband.org/nybhome>

Level: Advanced

Ages: 16-22

Audition Requirements: <https://www.canadianband.org/nyb-2020>

Audition Deadline: November 27, 2020

Audition Fee: \$40

Dates: April 26 – May 3, 2020

Location: Halifax, NS

Feisty Flutes

Auditions: none

Age: 9 +

Fees: \$60/4 week term

Start date: new term starts every ~ 2 months

Community flute group open to all ages and experience levels. Music is arranged to be approachable to a wide range of players, who can choose to play in either the beginner or intermediate ensembles. More information can be found on the [O'Neill Flute Studio website](#) or by emailing novascotiaflute@gmail.com.

Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble (NSJWE)

Auditions: via video starting early in March

Age: grade 6 - high school

Fees: \$150 (some bursaries available)

Audition playing requirements:

One short challenging excerpts from a method book or band music of your choice. (30-50 measures)

Concert Bb, Eb, and F Major scales as well as the Bb Chromatic Scale, in two octaves where possible (from memory)

Nova Scotia Youth Wind Ensemble (NSYWE)

Auditions: via video mid-May

Age: mostly grade 10 and up, special exceptions may be made for dedicated students

Fees: \$300 (some bursaries and family rates available)

Audition playing requirements: posted on the website when auditions are open.

Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra

Auditions: via video, deadline late May

Age: 12 - 26

Fees: \$550 (some bursaries available)

Start date: August/September

Audition playing requirements: listed [here](#) (scales, solo, study, orchestral excerpts)

Halifax Regional Arts (Music West: Halifax Region)

Coming out of the HRCE music programs, the regional arts programs are designed to provide extra challenges to students who want to be more involved in music.

Wind Ensemble

Auditions: contact [Nathan Beeler](#) for dates

Age: mainly high school, younger dedicated students also accepted

Rehearsals: Thursdays 4:30-6:30 at the Music Centre (Oxford School, Halifax)

Audition playing requirements: contact [Nathan Beeler](#)

St. Margaret's Bay Honour Band

Ages: students in grade 7-12 from HRCE schools

Levels: up to grade 10 band repertoire

Rehearsals: Thursdays 6:30-8:00 at Five Bridges Junior High School

More info, contact [Ken MacKay](#)

Halifax Regional Arts (Music East: Dartmouth Region)

Coming out of the HRCE music programs, the regional arts programs are designed to provide extra challenges to students who want to be more involved in music.

Junior & Intermediate Concert Band

Auditions: none

Ages: open to all students enrolled in HRCE school bands

Symphonic Band

Auditions: in person in Dartmouth in June

Age: high school

Audition playing requirements: sight-reading, scales and solo piece, details are listed [here](#) and [here](#)