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Dear Colleague,

October 2025

Our 39th year... Setting the Stage for Celebrating our 40th!

What outstanding opportunities we have had over the years! Three Carnegie Hall performances, OMEA Professional Conference, the most awarded Brass Band organization in North America, 26 University clinics, the list goes on! It is our promise to continue providing your students with these outstanding life experiences while it is their turn to be All-Stars. It is through your teaching and their efforts that the All-Stars continue to enjoy these world-class invitations and accomplishments. Thank you so much. It has been a blessing to work with your students.

For those who have not heard, The All-Star Brass Bands were formed to provide a reward for brass and percussion students who display leadership qualities and a desire to perform to the best of their abilities as well as those who you want to encourage. **The bands are geared for busy kids.** Please note that these bands offer opportunities for students at all levels of achievement, from relative beginners to those switching to other brass instruments, to musicians preparing to be music majors. Like you, all we need are students with good attitudes. As usual we ask you to "load us up" with nominations!

Rehearsal location and times:

Indianola Presbyterian Church 1970 Waldeck Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43201.
ASBP rehearsal time: 3:30–6:00pm.

You may use the enclosed form to nominate students whom you feel deserving, interested, and capable or **nominate via our website, which we prefer.** Be sure to include parental phone numbers and addresses (if possible). We will contact each new nominee's parents to confirm their child's audition time and answer any questions they may have. It would be appreciated if you would discuss this opportunity with those students you plan to nominate. Please give each of your nominees our website address so that they can select and download audition materials, view membership requirements, fees, and discuss the All-Star organization with their parents. There are also downloadable brochures and forms for you and your students on the website. **Tuition and fees: \$525.** There are discounts for families with more than one member. **Remember, we like to take several students from each school to aid carpooling.**

Auditions: Saturday, November 8, 9:00am - 4:00pm at Indianola Presbyterian Church.
If there is a conflict with the audition day, nominees can arrange to audition on **Sunday, November 9.**

Deadline for nominations is Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Thank you all for nominating your great kids. They, have and will, continue to represent you and your outstanding teaching in fine fashion.

Sincerely,
Dr. Eric Aho, Founder/Director

Need concert band audition materials for your students?
See other side for requirements and downloadable material!
Remember, we prefer nominations via our website

The All-Star Brass Bands

25 East Mound Street • Canal Winchester, OH 43110
(614) 562-4189 (Dr. Eric Aho's mobile)

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www.AllStarBrass.org

Director: Please photocopy for your nominees

Need Music for Your Audition?

- **Go to our website to select music and scales: (www.allstarbrass.org)**
- **Choose ONE lyrical selection, and ONE technical selection that you think you can play well. Prepare this music to the best of your ability.**
- **You will also find all the required scales with fingerings/slide positions (these scale sheets can be used for OMEA Solo and Ensemble). PLEASE MEMORIZE!**
- **Download, print, and practice to prepare for your audition.**

Detailed Audition Requirements

Brass, Grades 9:

Scales- each student is required to perform 2 major scales of their choice from memory. The student must also play a one-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octave. He/she may start on any note.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes, to show lyrical and technical abilities. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are wise choices. One lyrical and one technical piece are required. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner, will be required of all nominees.

Brass, Grades 10-12:

Scales- each student is required to have memorized all major scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps. The auditioner will ask for two of these scales. The student must also play a two-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octaves. He/she may start on any note.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes, to show lyrical and technical abilities. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are wise choices. One lyrical and one technical piece are required. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner, will be required of all nominees.

Percussion, all grades:

Scales- each student is required to have memorized all major scales up to 3 flats and 2 sharps. The auditioner will ask for two of these scales. The student must also play a two-octave chromatic scale, up and down the octaves. He/she may start on any note. Bells, xylophone, or marimba will be provided for this exercise.

Prepared excerpts- Two, 16-32 measure excerpts from band music, solo and ensemble literature, or etudes. Current concert band audition material, solos, or private lesson excerpts are wise choices. Select music from one keyboard instrument and one percussive instrument. Go to our website to choose music if needed.

Sight-reading- Three short etudes, selected by the auditioner, will be required of all nominees.

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Tuition and Fees \$525

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Please post in Band Room

2025-2026 Audition Information

All-Star Brass & Percussion

Rehearsals: Sundays 3:30-6:00pm, beginning November 16th, 2025

**Bands rehearse at Indianola Presbyterian Church
1970 Waldeck Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43201**

Positions available in all bands for the following instrumentalists:

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| Cornet (Trumpet)/ Flugelhorn/ Eb Cornet | Trombone |
| Alto Horn Players | Tuba |
| Euphonium/Baritone | Percussion/Set/Mallets |

**Auditions: Saturday, November 8, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Indianola Presbyterian Church
1970 Waldeck Ave. Columbus, Ohio 43201**

Audition Conflict date: Sunday Nov. 9.
Time to be arranged with Ms. Julie Raccio, Auditions Manager. (614) 562-8633

**Nomination/Application Deadline is
October 30, 2025**

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2025-2026 Schedule (This schedule WILL change)

2025

Thurs.	Oct. 30	Deadline for nominations ASBP
Sat.	Nov. 8	Audition Date- All Grades (Indianola Presbyterian Church)
Sun.	Nov. 9	Conflict Audition Date (Indianola Presbyterian Church)
	Nov. 10-15	Phone calls to successful nominees
Sun.	Nov. 16	1 st Rehearsal: <u>All-Star Brass & Percussion</u>- 3:30-6:00pm (Indianola Presbyterian
Sun.	Nov. 23	Rehearsal
Sun.	Nov. 30	No Rehearsal, Thanksgiving Weekend
Sun.	Dec. 7	Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 14	Rehearsal
Sun.	Dec. 21	Caroling
Sun.	Dec. 28	<u>NO</u> Rehearsal (Christmas Break)

2026

Sun.	Jan. 4	Rehearsal
Sun.	Jan. 9-11	ASBP Retreat (Required for all members, Geneva Hills, Lancaster)
Sun.	Jan. 18	Rehearsal
Sun.	Jan. 25	Rehearsal
Sun.	Feb. 1	Rehearsal
Sun.	Feb. 8	Rehearsal
Sat.	Feb. 14	Dress Rehearsal, Peace United Methodist Church
Sun.	Feb. 15	Concert 3pm, Peace United Methodist Church
Sun.	Feb. 22	Rehearsal
Sun.	Mar. 1	Rehearsal
Sun.	Mar. 8	Rehearsal
Sun.	Mar. 15	Rehearsal
Sun.	Mar. 22	Rehearsal
Sun.	Mar. 29	Rehearsal
Sun.	Apr. 5	No Rehearsal (Easter)
Sun.	Apr. 12	Rehearsal
Sat.	Apr. 18	God & Country Concert (BBC & Chicago Staff Band), ASBP are hosts.
Sun.	Apr. 19	Rehearsal
Thurs.	Apr. 23	Dinner Theatre Rehearsal (Peace United Methodist Church)
Sun.	Apr. 26	Dinner Theatre (Peace United Methodist Church)
Sun.	Jun. 1	Rehearsal
Sun.	Jun. 8	Rehearsal

Mondy- Sunday June 9-15 Summer Rehearsals and Tour (**Gettysburg Brass Band Festival**)

*Schedule will flex due to:

1. Church Events
2. Various School District's Events
3. Special Programs

Last updated Oct. 6, 2025