

From START to Finish: Thoughtful Programming for Band

How do you start to figure out what music your ensembles should play? There are many viewpoints to consider, and multiple resources to refer to. Making choices that are decided by artistic merit and educational concerns, as opposed to choosing pieces based on your “gut reaction” will produce greater rewards for you, your students, and your audience. Listed below are some points to consider when choosing music for your band.

S (Student)

- What is the ability level of your students?
- What are the educational needs of your students?
- How do you want them to grow?

T (Teacher)

- Define short-term & long-term goals; band curriculum
- Gauge your own musical & educational ability
- Is the music artistically or pedagogically satisfying?
- Meeting National/State standards in music (NAfME, LA Dept. of Ed etc.)

A (Audience)

- Does not mean how many, it means who are you playing for (community; parents; adjudicators; music and non-music lovers)
- Walking a fine line between educating the audience without patronizing or pandering
- Program length and order; number of ensembles on the concert
- Special considerations (specific events or holidays, anniversaries or commemorations)

R (Rehearsal)

- Being aware of what you have (number of rehearsals per week, length of time, equipment, sectionals, school breaks, testing days, etc.)
- Is physical space a consideration?
- Help from other staff/directors/private teachers

T (Totality)

- What does a good concert sound like?
- “I liked this piece because...” they are listening!
- Is the ensemble set up for future success and growth?

Other items to consider when programming for your bands...

- Commission new works
- Shared concerts
- “Themed” concerts
- Gathering literature materials from many different resources

Texts that Deal With Wind Band Repertoire

Camphouse, Mark, ed. *Composers on Composing for Band*. 4 volumes. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 2002-2009.

Dvorak, Thomas L., Taggart, Cynthia Crump, Schmalz, Peter. *Best Music for Young Band*. Brooklyn, NY: Manhattan Beach Music, 1986.

Dvorak, Thomas L., Grechesky, Robert, Ciepluch, Gary M. *Best Music for High School Bands*. Brooklyn, NY: Manhattan Beach Music, 1993.

Fennell, Fredrick. *A Conductor's Interpretive Analysis of Masterworks for Band*. Galesville, MD: Meredith Music Publishers, 2008.

Garofalo, Robert J. *Guide to Band Masterworks*. Fort Lauderdale, FL: Meredith Music Publishers, 1992.

Miles, Richard, ed. *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band*. 10 volumes. Chicago, IL: GIA Publications, 1997-2014.

Rehrig, William. *The Heritage Encyclopedia of Band Music, Composers and Their Music*. 3 volumes. Westerville, OH: Integrity Press, 1991-1996.

Smith, Norman, and Stoutamire, Albert. *Band Music Notes*. San Diego, CA: Kjos, 1977.

Smith, Norman. *March Music Notes*. Lake Charles, LA: Norman E. Smith, 1868.

Online Resources for Wind Band Repertoire

Florida Bandmasters Association Concert Band List (PDF format)
<http://flmusiced.org/fba/dnn/Portals/0/MusicLists/concertDec2011.pdf>

New York State School Music Educators Association (ordering info available at this site)
<http://www.nyssma.org/index.cfm>

Texas University Interscholastic League Prescribed Music List (searchable database)
University Interscholastic League - 1701 Manor Road, Austin, Texas, 78722 Phone: (512) 471-5883
<https://www.utexas.edu/uil/pml/>

Texas University Interscholastic League Official Concert & Sightreading Contest Results (searchable database back to 2007)
<http://www.uilforms.com/csrrptuilpublic.asp>

The Wind Repertory Project Database
<http://www.windrep.org/>

Select Composers Websites

Jonathan Bartz - jonathanbartz.com/
Mason Bates - www.masonbates.com/
Steven Bryant - www.stevenbryant.com/index.php
Viet Cuong - vietcuongmusic.com/
Michael Daugherty - www.michaeldaugherty.net/
David Dzubay - pronovamusic.com/
Roshanne Etezady - www.roshanne.com/
Michael Gandolfi - www.michaelgandolfi.com/
Ryan George - forinmusic.com/
Donald Grantham - www.piquantpress.com/
Eric Guinivan – www.ericguinivan.com
Ben Hjertmann - www.hjertmann.com/
Scott Lindroth - people.duke.edu/~scott1/
John Mackey - www.ostimusic.com/
Michael Markowsky - www.michaelmarkowski.com/
David Maslanka - www.davidmaslanka.com/
Scott McAllister - www.lydmusic.com/Lydmusic/Welcome.html
Daniel Montoya, Jr. – www.danielmontoyajr.com
Jonathan Newman - jonathannewman.com/
Wayne Oquin – www.wayneoquin.com
Carter Pann - www.carterpann.com/
Joel Puckett - joelpuckett.com/home.html
Kevin Puts - www.kevinputs.com/
Adam Silverman - www.adamsilverman.com/
James Stephenson - www.stephensonmusic.com/
James Syler - www.jamessyler.com/Pages/default.aspx
Christopher Theofanidis - www.theofanidismusic.com/
Michael Torke - michaeltorke.com/
Jess Langston Turner - bluejaywaymusic.com/
David Walczyk - www.kevelimusic.com/
Eric Whitacre - ericwhitacre.com/
Dana Wilson - www.danawilson.org/

Composer	Arr./Ed./Transe.	Title	Year	List
Berlioz, Hector		Symphonie Funèbre et Triomphale (3 mvmts)	1840	1
Catel, Charles Simon		Overture in C for Chamber Winds	1793	1
Dvorak, Antonin		Serenade in D Minor, Op. 44 (4 mvmts)	1878	1
Gabrieli, Giovanni		Canzona per Sonare, No. 2	1608	1
Gossec, Francois		Military Symphony in F (3 mvmts)	1794	1
Grieg, Edvard		Funeral March in Memory of Rikard Nordraak	1866	1
Handel, George Fredric		Music for the Royal Fireworks (5 mvmts)	1749	1
Krommer, Franz		Partita in B Flat Major, Op. 78 (4 mvmts)	ca. 1810	1
Mendelssohn, Felix		Overture for Winds	1824/1838	1
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus		Serenade (No. 10) in B Flat, K. 361 "Gran Partita" (7 mvmts)	1781	1
Mozart, Wolfgang Amadeus		Serenade in C Minor, K. 388 (4 mvmts)	1782	1
Reicha, Antoine		Commemoration Symphony	1815	1
Rimsky-Korsakov, Nikolai		Concerto for Trombone and Military Band (3 mvmts)	1877	1
Rosetti, Antonio		Parthia in F (4 mvmts)	1785	1
Saint-Saens, Camille		Orient et Occident, Op. 25	1869	1
Spohr, Louis		Notturmo Für Harmonie Und Janitscharenmusik In C Major (6 mvmts)	1816	1
Wagner, Richard		Trauermusik (Trauersinfonie)	1844	1
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Bainum, Glenn	Australian Up-Country Tune	1905	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge		Colonial Song	1921	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge		Country Gardens	1918	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Goldman, Edwin Franco	Handel in the Strand	1911	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Kreines, Joseph	Harvest Hymn	1932	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge		Hill Song No. 1	1901	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge		Hill Song No. 2	1907	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	ed. Rogers, Mark	Irish Tune from County Derry	1918	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	ed. Fennell, Frederick	Lincolnshire Posy (6 mvmts)	1937	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	ed. Rogers, Mark	Molly on the Shore	1907	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	ed. Rogers, Mark	Shepherd's Hey!	1918	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Goldman, Richard Franko	Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol	1905	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Kreines, Joseph	The Immovable Do	1933-39	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge	arr. Daehn, Larry	Themes from Green Bushes	1921	2
Grainger, Percy Aldridge		Ye Banks and Braes O'Bonnie Doon	1901	2
Holst, Gustav	ed. Colin Matthews	First Suite in Eb (3 mvmts)	1909	2
Holst, Gustav		Hammersmith	1930	2
Holst, Gustav	ed. Colin Matthews	Second Suite in F (4 mvmts)	1911	2
Jacob, Gordon		An Original Suite (3 mvmts)	1923	2
Jacob, Gordon		William Byrd Suite (6 mvmts)	1562-1612	2
Vaughan Williams, Ralph		English Folk Suite (3 mvmts)	1924	2
Vaughan Williams, Ralph		Flourish for Wind Band	1939	2
Vaughan Williams, Ralph		Sea Songs	1923	2
Vaughan Williams, Ralph		Toccata Marziale	1924	2
Bennett, Robert Russell		Suite of Old American Dances (5 mvmts)	1949	3
Hindemith, Paul		Konzertmusik für Blasorchester, Op. 41 (3 mvmts)	1926	3
Milhaud, Darius		Suite Franciase (6 mvmts)	1944	3
Reed, H. Owen		La Fiesta Mexicana (3 mvmts)	1949	3
Respighi, Ottorino		Huntingtower Ballad	1932	3
Schmitt, Florent		Dionysiaques, Op. 62	1913	3
Schoenberg, Arnold		Theme and Variations, Op. 43a	1943	3
Toch, Ernst		Spiel für Blasorchester, Op. 39 (3 mvmts)	1926	3
Weill, Kurt		Little Threepenny Music (8 mvmts)	1930	3
Wood, Haydn		Mannin Veen	1933	3
Adams, John	arr. Odom, Lawrence	Short Ride in a Fast Machine	1986	4
Arnold, Malcolm	arr. Paynter, John	English Dances Set 1 (4 mvmts)	1950	4
Arnold, Malcolm	arr. Paynter, John	Four Scottish Dances (4 mvmts)	1957	4
Arnold, Malcolm	arr. Paynter, John	Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo (3 mvmts)	1963 / 1979	4
Bach, Johann Sebastian	arr. Goldman	Fantasia in G	1705	4
Bach, Johann Sebastian	arr. Holst, Gustav	Fugue a la Gigue	1928	4
Bach, Johann Sebastian	arr. Moehlmann, R.L.	Prelude and Fugue in D Minor	1722	4
Bach, Johann Sebastian	arr. Moehlmann, R.L.	Prelude and Fugue in G Minor	1713	4
Bernstein, Leonard	arr. Beeler, Walter	Overture to Candide	1956	4
Bernstein, Leonard	arr. Grundman, Clare	Slava!	1977	4

Brahms, Johannes	arr. Buehlman, Barbara	Blessed Are They	1865	4
Copland, Aaron	arr. Copland, Aaron	An Outdoor Overture	1938	4
Copland, Aaron	arr. Patterson, Merlin	Down a Country Lane	1962	4
Hindemith, Paul	arr. Wilson, Keith	Symphonic Metamorphosis (4 mvmts)	1943	4
Holst, Gustav	arr. Wright, Denis	A Moorside Suite (3 mvmts)	1928	4
Ives, Charles	arr. Sinclair, James	Country Band March	1905	4
Ives, Charles	arr. Elkus, Jonathan	Old Home Days (5 mvmts)	1887	4
Ives, Charles	arr. Schuman, Rhodes	Variations on "America"	1891	4
Rossini, Gioacchino	arr. Cailliet, Lucien	Italian in Algiers Overture	1813	4
Rossini, Gioacchino	arr. Leidzen, Erik	William Tell Overture	1829	4
Saint-Saens, Camille	arr. Lake, Mayhew	March Militaire Francaise	1880	4
Shostakovich, Dimitri	arr. Hunsberger, Donald	Festive Overture	1954	4
Shostakovich, Dimitri	arr. Reynolds, Robert	Folk Dances	1942	4
Shostakovich, Dimitri	arr. Hunsberger, Donald	Galop, from Moscow, Cheremushky	1958	4
Strauss, Richard	arr. Davis, Albert O.	Allerseelen	1885	4
Tschesnokoff, Pavel	arr. Houseknecht, Bruce	Salvation is Created	1912	4
Vaughan Williams, Ralph	arr. Stout, John	Linden Lea	1901	4
Vaughan Williams, Ralph	arr. Beeler, Walter	Rhosymedre	1920	4
von Suppe, Franz	arr. Fillmore, Henry	Light Cavalry Overture	1866	4
Wagner, Richard	arr. Cailliet, Lucien	Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral	1850	4
Alford, Kenneth		Colonel Bogey	1914	5
Allen, Thomas		Whip and Spur	1902	5
Bagley, Edwin E.		The National Emblem	1906	5
Barber, Samuel		Commando March	1943	5
Delle Cese,		Inglesina (Little English Girl)	1897	5
Duble, Charles		Bravura	1918	5
Elgar, Edward		Pomp & Circumstance, No. 4	1901	5
Elliott, Zo		British Eighth	1943	5
Fillmore, Henry		Americans We	1929	5
Fillmore, Henry		Rolling Thunder	1916	5
Fucik, Julius		Florentiner	1915	5
Goldman, Edwin Franko		On the Mall	1923	5
Hanssen		Valdres	1904	5
Heed, John		In Storm and Sunshine	1885	5
Huffine, Getty		Them Basses	1924	5
King, Karl		Barnum's and Bailey's Favorite	1913	5
King, Karl		The Melody Shop	1910	5
King, Karl		The Viking	1911	5
Leemens, P		March of the Belgian Paratroopers	1945	5
Prokofiev, Sergi		March, Op. 99	1943	5
Sousa, John Philip		El Capitan	1896	5
Sousa, John Philip		Looking Upward Suite (3 mvmts)	1902	5
Sousa, John Philip		Nobles of the Mystic Shrine	1923	5
Sousa, John Philip		Sabre and Spurs	1918	5
Sousa, John Philip		Semper Fidelis	1888	5
Sousa, John Philip		Stars and Stripes Forever	1896	5
Sousa, John Philip		The Fairest of the Fair	1908	5
Sousa, John Philip		The Rifle Regiment	1886	5
Sousa, John Philip		The Washington Post	1889	5
Texidor, Jaime		Amparito Roca	1925	5
Adler, Samuel		Southwestern Sketches	1961	6
Bassett, Leslie		Designs, Images and Textures	1966	6
Bennett, Robert Russell		Symphonic Songs for Band (3 mvmts)	1958	6
Benson, Warren		Solitary Dancer	1969	6
Benson, Warren		The Leaves Are Falling	1964	6
Bozza, Eugene		Children's Overture	1964	6
Chance, John Barnes		Incantation and Dance	1961	6
Chance, John Barnes		Variations on a Korean Folk Song	1965	6
Copland, Aaron		Emblems	1964	6
Creston, Paul		Celebration Overture	1954	6
Dahl, Ingolf		Sinfonietta for Concert Band (3 mvmts)	1961	6
Dello Joio, Norman		Fantasies on a Theme by Haydn	1967	6

Dello Joio, Norman		Variants on a Mediaeval Tune	1962	6
Erickson, Frank		Toccata for Band	1955	6
Giannini, Vittorio		Symphony No. 3 (4 mvmts)	1959	6
Gilmore, Bernard		Five Folk Songs for Soprano and Band (5 mvmts)	1965	6
Gould, Morton		Symphony No. 4 "West Point" (2 mvmts)	1951	6
Hanson, Howard		Chorale and Alleluia	1954	6
Hindemith, Paul		Symphony in B flat (3 mvmts)	1951	6
Husa, Karel		Concerto for Alto Saxophone and Concert Band (3 mvmts)	1967	6
Husa, Karel		Music for Prague, 1968 (4 mvmts)	1968	6
Jager, Robert		Variations on a Theme by Robert Schumann	1969	6
Jenkins, Joseph Wilcox		American Overture for Band	1959	6
LoPresti, Ronald		Elegy for a Young American	1964	6
Mennin, Peter		Canzona	1951	6
Nelhybel, Vaclav		Prelude and Fugue	1964	6
Nelhybel, Vaclav		Symphonic Movement	1966	6
Nelhybel, Vaclav		Trittico (3 mvmts)	1964	6
Nixon, Roger		Fiesta del Pacifico	1960	6
Persichetti, Vincent		Divertimento for Band, Op. 42 (6 mvmts)	1950	6
Persichetti, Vincent		Masquerade, Op. 102	1965	6
Persichetti, Vincent		Pageant	1953	6
Persichetti, Vincent		Symphony No. 6 for Band, Op. 69 (4 mvmts)	1956	6
Piston, Walter		Tunbridge Fair	1950	6
Reigger, Wallingford		Dance Rhythms	1951	6
Schuman, William		Chester, Overture for Band	1957	6
Schuman, William		George Washington Bridge	1950	6
Williams, Clifton		Fanfare and Allegro	1956	6
Williams, Clifton		Symphonic Suite (5 mvmts)	1957	6
Barnes, James		Yorkshire Ballad	1984	7
Benson, Warren		The Passing Bell	1974	7
Boysen, Andrew		I Am	1990	7
Chance, John Barnes		Elegy	1971	7
Gillangham, David		Heroes, Lost and Fallen (A Vietnam Memorial)	1990	7
Giroux, Julie		Mystery on Mena Mountain	1983	7
Gregson, Edward		Festivo	1985	7
Grundman, Clare		Concord	1987	7
Hanson, Howard		Dies Natalis	1972	7
Holsinger, David		Havendence	1985	7
Husa, Karel		Apotheosis of this Earth (3 mvmts)	1970	7
La Plante, Pierre		American Riversongs	1990	7
Margolis, Bob		Color (5 mvmts)	1988	7
Margolis, Bob		Terpsichore (4 mvmts)	1980	7
McBeth, Francis		Kaddish	1976	7
Nelson, Ron		"Homage to Leonin" from Medieval Suite (3 mvmts)	1981	7
Nelson, Ron		Passacaglia (Hommage on B-A-C-H)	1992	7
Peck, Russell		Cave	1978	7
Reed, Alfred		Armenian Dances part 1	1972	7
Ticheli, Frank		Cajun Folk Songs (2 mvmts)	1989	7
Ticheli, Frank		Fortress	1988	7
Ticheli, Frank		Postcard	1991	7
Tull, Fisher		Sketches on a Tudor Psalm	1971	7
Van der Roost, Jan		Pusztá (4 mvmts)	1987	7
Welcher, Dan		Zion	1994	7
Boysen, Jr., Andrew		Kirkpatrick Fanfare	1999	8
Bryant, Steven		Dusk	2004	8
Bryant, Steven		Radiant Joy	2005	8
Camphouse, Mark		Whatever Things...	1997	8
Colgrass, Michael		Old Churches	2001	8
Cuong, Viet		Sound and Smoke	2011	8
Daugherty, Michael		Niagara Falls	1997	8
DelTredici, David		In Wartime	2003	8
Dzubay, David		Ra!	2002	8
Grantham, Donald		Southern Harmony (4 mvmts)	1998	8

Mackey, John		Strange Humors	1998	8
Mackey, John		Undertow	2008	8
Markowski,, Michael		Instictive Travels	2009	8
Maslanka, David		Give Us This Day: Short Symphony for Wind Ensemble (2 mvmts)	2006	8
McAllister, Scott		Zing	2008	8
Montoya Jr., Daniel		...My Consciousness	2013	8
Newman, Jonathan		Moon by Night	2000	8
Pann, Carter		A Spanish Silhouette	2010	8
Puckett, Joel		Ping, Pang, Pong	2004	8
Syler, James		Gearbox	2009	8
Ticheli, Frank		Blue Shades	1996	8
Ticheli, Frank		Wild Nights!	2007	8
Torke, Michael		Javelin	1994	8
Whitacre, Eric		October	1999	8
Wilson, Dana		Shortcut Home	1998	8