

Meridian Arts Council

YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS PROJECT

Meridian High School Bands

MHS BAND INFORMATION:

1. a non-profit organization
2. registered with the Idaho Secretary of State
3. open to all members of the community
4. has zero fees for students & community members (the only 6A HS Band Program in ID that is FREE)
5. before Aug. 30, 2024 numerous public performances will feature, include & benefit Meridian youth

MHS BAND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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MHS BAND WEBSITE:

<https://www.westada.org/o/mhs/page/band>

MHS BAND MISSION STATEMENT:

to provide:

a foundation for the growth of the band program
an environment that encourages and promotes lifelong success
a framework and foundation to support lifelong learning skills
equal opportunities for students regardless of their resources and/or background
moral and financial support to all ensembles

to support:

music education in public schools
the growth and development of students in the band program
a framework for exemplary musicianship
the goals and aspirations of the students
the efforts of the band directors and staff

to foster an appreciation in the community for the educational value of strong school band programs

to work to build and maintain an organization of parents which will help to promote the general activities of the band

MHS BAND HISTORY

Meridian High, is a 6A school, starting Fall 2024, located 11 miles from Boise in beautiful Meridian, ID, the center of the Treasure Valley. Established 1904, MHS is one of six traditional high schools in the West Ada School District. The West Ada School District serves over 40,000 students in the community. We are proud that through massive efforts in garnering donations & fundraising, students in Meridian Band have the opportunity to participate in Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Jazz Combo, Chamber Ensembles, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Winter Percussion, Guitar, Digital Sound & Music Production and Winter Guard.

If we use a low estimate of 100 Band students each year. Meridian HS has helped over 12,000 students in the city of Meridian fall in love with music. Very few organizations in Idaho will achieve this feat. With over 200 students benefitting from the MHS Band program on a daily basis, MHS Band is easily one of the largest student organizations in Meridian helping Youth find performance opportunities.

MHS BAND STAFF BIO

Cord J. L. Breuer M.M. Ed., Meridian High School Band Director, is a distinguished music educator and band director with a rich background in music. He's a graduate of the Sioux City, IA West High, West Middle, and Smith Elementary School Band programs, where he was a 6-time Iowa All-State Band member, 2008 Honor Band of America trumpet section member, and a member of a featured 2007 Bands of America Percussion Ensemble. In West's Band program under the direction of Sandy Vondrak, Joe Hardin, Julie Weigandt and Keith Weigandt, in addition to concert, marching and pep bands, Cord was fortunate to play 4 years in the West MS & HS nationally recognized percussion ensemble, 6 years in the West MS & HS Jazz III on trombone, 6 years in West MS & HS Jazz II on Bass guitar, and 6 years in West MS & HS Jazz I on Trumpet.

Mr. Breuer's musical journey continued at Boise State University, where he received a full ride scholarship to play in the marching band, pep band, symphonic winds & trumpet studio. At BSU, he earned both a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music in Music Education. While earning his Master's Degree at Boise State University, he served as a Graduate Assistant for Dr. Joe Tornello with the Blue Thunder Marching Band, conducting with Marcellus B. Brown and trumpet with Dr. Alex Noppe.

Prior to earning his Masters, Cord was the Director of Bands, Orchestra, and Guitar at Middleton High School in Middleton, Idaho. During his time at Middleton HS, he significantly increased student-musician involvement and enrollment in the marching band, percussion ensemble, and jazz bands.

Since June of 2018, Mr. Breuer has been the Director of Bands, Guitar, and DSMP (Digital Sound & Music Production) at Meridian High School in Meridian, ID. Under his direction, the MHS Percussion Ensemble has earned four consecutive 1st place medals at the ID State Small Ensemble Competition in 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. MHS percussion students have also finished in the Top 10 at ID State Solo Contest nine times since 2020 earning 5 medals. Since 2018, MHS Band students have achieved notable success, with many of them performing in honor festivals and being selected for WIBC (Western International Band Clinic, (6)), All-Northwest (5), All-State (33), All-American Marching Band (1), and various university marching bands. Many of which continue to study, teach, compose or perform music to this day.

Cord has also been a dedicated staff member at the Boise State Summer Chamber Music Camp since 2009, where he imparts his knowledge of brass techniques, music theory skills, and coaching chamber ensembles.

As a performer, Cord Breuer is the Principal 2nd Cornet and Vice-President for the Brass Band of the Treasure Valley under the Direction of Dr. Bill Waterman, as well as a quintet member (trumpet) of the "Boise Brass".

His passion for music is evident in the achievements of his students and his active involvement in the musical community. Apart from his musical pursuits, Cord also enjoys being on the golf course, spending time with his supportive wife, Marie, and their dog, Copper.

Vincent Rhinehart M.M., Meridian High School Percussion Instructor, has been playing percussion for over 15 years with over 10 years of teaching experience. He attended Washington State University where he studied with David Jarvis. He was involved in marching band, percussion ensemble, indoor drum line, orchestra, and wind ensemble. Vincent earned a Bachelor in Music Degree in 2014 and spent two years with the World Class Seattle Cascades Drum and Bugle Corps where he played bass drum and was bass drum section leader.

After this, Vincent attended Emporia State University where he earned a Masters in Percussion Performance with Dr. Tracy Freeze. During his time at ESU, Vincent was a Graduate Teaching Assistant in charge of instructing the Emporia Marching Hornets drum line. Mr. Rhinehart was a member of the percussion ensemble, orchestra, and wind ensemble. Vincent is dedicated to pursuing his craft and placed 3rd in the Emporia State University Honors Recital in 2020, he took 1st in the Honors Recital in 2021, and also took first in the Emporia State University Concerto/Aria Competition in 2021. Other notable instructors Vincent has studied with are Josh Jones, Matthew Howard, Rob Knopper, Elizabeth Kosko, Brian Scott, and Alan Keown.

Vincent is an in-demand instructor. Currently, he teaches at the College of Idaho and Meridian High School. His students are regularly selected as Idaho All-State Percussion members and have won 1st Place at the Idaho State Small Ensemble Festival.

Additionally, he is a bass drum tech with the Battalion Drum and Bugle Corps and a front ensemble tech with the Seattle Cascades out of Seattle, WA. Vincent is also a regular performer with the Boise Philharmonic, Treasure Valley Brass Band and other ensembles across Idaho. When not performing and teaching, Vincent enjoys spending time with his fiancée, his 2 dogs, exploring the outdoors, and watching football.

PROJECT TITLE: *“Keep Band FREE at Meridian High School”*

PROJECT BUDGET: **\$64,575.00**

ADMIN FEES (per year): **\$22,000.00**

Percussion Instructor:	\$6,000.00
Assist. Percussion Instructor:	\$1,500.00
Color Guard Instructor:	\$5,000.00
Assist. Color Guard Instructor:	\$1,500.00
Brass Instructor:	\$3,000.00
Woodwind Instructor:	\$1,000.00
Sound Engineer:	\$2,000.00
Drill Writing:	\$2,500.00
TOTAL ADMIN FEES:	\$22,000.00

PRODUCTION FEES: **\$24,000.00**

Marching Band Props	\$5,000.00
Color Guard Flags	\$2,000.00
Bussing to Competitions	\$8,000.00
Bussing to Festivals	\$5,000.00
Percussion Equipment	\$2,000.00
Brass Repairs	\$750.00
Woodwind Repairs	\$1,250.00
TOTAL PRODUCTION FEES:	\$24,000.00

MATERIAL COSTS: **\$13,375.00**

Sheet Music – Curriculum	
Marching Band	\$2,500.00
Symphonic Band	\$1,250.00
Concert Band	\$500.00
Jazz Band	\$500.00
Pep Band	\$500.00
Percussion Ensemble	\$500.00
Chamber Ensembles	\$500.00
TOTAL SHEET MUSIC COST:	\$6,250.00

Food Costs

Marching Band	\$2,500.00
Symphonic/Pep Band	\$500.00
TOTAL FOOD COSTS:	\$3,000.00

Uniforms:

Guard Uniforms	\$1,000.00
Guard Equipment	\$1,000.00
Marching Shoes	\$750.00
Marching Shirts/Polos	\$2,000.00
Marching Gloves	\$250.00
TOTAL UNIFORM COSTS:	\$5,000.00

Awards Ceremony:

Letters, plaques & pins	\$900.00
<u>Band Wahooz Day</u>	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
TOTAL AWARDS COST:	\$2,000.00

Honor Band Registration:

All-Star Honor Band	\$300.00
All-State Auditions	\$250.00
All-State Registration	\$1575.00
State Solo	\$250.00
<u>State Small Ensemble</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
TOTAL HONOR BAND COST:	\$3,125.00

VENUE FEES: \$5,200.00

Marching Band Festival Fees

Festival 9.30	\$300.00
Festival 10.8	\$400.00
Festival 10.15	\$400.00
Festival 10.22	\$50.00
Festival 10.29	\$400.00

Jazz Band Festival Fees

Festival 12.1	\$300.00
Festival 2.23	\$400.00
Festival 4.4	\$400.00

Symphonic Band Festival Fees

Festival 2.9	\$400.00
Festival 2.28	\$900.00
Festival 3.8	\$250.00
Festival 4.16	\$250.00
Festival 5.4	\$750.00

TOTAL ADMIN FEES: \$22,000.00

TOTAL PRODUCTION COST: \$24,000.00

TOTAL MATERIALS COST: \$13,375.00

TOTAL VENUE FEES: \$5,200.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$64,575.00

PROJECT INCOME: \$52,118.00

ADMISSION FEES: \$0

GRANTS: \$0

CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS: \$14,733.00

\$1,333.00 – CapEd Credit Union

\$8,000.00 – WASD for “consumable or curriculum items only”

\$2,000.00 – West Ada School District for “repairs only”

\$3,400.00 – WASD for “band staff only”

SPONSORSHIPS: \$8,850.00

Pressing Matters - 208-995-2891
 Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 296 – Boise, ID – (208) 740-4827
 Boise Speech & Hearing Clinic – (208) 793-7006
 Independence Indoor – (208) 229-4755
 Chatterton Myo Courses – (208) 793-7006
 Center for Orofacial Myology – (208) 793-7006
 Greenbelt Management, LLC – (208) 206-5861
 Treasure Valley CPA - Docena@treasurevalleycpa.com - (208) 322-0720
 NJ Gomeza Farms – (208)-921-0844
 Bright Helm Leadership & Executive Coaching – (208) 996-6701
 NuMe TMS Clinics – (855) 423-1746
 Phoenix Fire Games - Meridian, ID – (208) 629-4686
 Potential Unleashed Dog Training – (208) 260-4191
 Prairie Medical – (800) 627-0617
 For the Joy Ministries – (206) 478-8274
 Victory Greens – 3800 S. Meridian Rd. – Meridian, ID
 Boise Hawks Baseball - 208.322.5000

FUNDRAISING: \$28,535.00

Cafe Zupas	\$85.00
Home Concerts - Silent Auction	\$100.00
Gift Wrapping @ the Village	\$100.00
WASD Raffle Ticket Fundraiser	\$750.00
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Football & Basketball Concessions	\$750.00
Basketball 50/50 Raffles	\$1,000.00
Text-a-thon Campaign	\$4,000.00
BSU Home FB Seat Rental Booths	\$21,000.00

PROJECT TIME-LINE:**MHS Band Performances between now and Aug. 30, 2024:**

2.17.24 Winter Guard Competition
 2.24.24 Winter Guard Competition
 2.28.24 District Solo Qualifying Event
 2.28.24 District Small Ensemble Qualifying Event
 3.02.24 Winter Guard Competition
 3.08.24 District Large Group Band Festival at Centennial HS
 3.09.24 Winter Guard Competition
 3.14.24 Meridian Performing Arts Center Performance – ALL BANDS
 3.23.24 Winter Guard Competition
 3.28.24 Jazz Band & Percussion Ensemble Dinner & Show

- 4.04.24 Jazz Band at Gene Harris Jazz Festival
- 5.01.24 ID State Solo Competition
- 5.02.24 ID State Small Ensemble Competition
- 5.18.24 Meridian Performing Arts Center Performance – ALL BANDS
- 5.25.24 Band performs at MHS Graduation
- 5.28.24 WASD Jazz Festival @ Kleiner Park
- 6.20.24 Meridian Dairy Days Parade – Marching Band Performance
- 8.09.24 MHS Marching Band Parent Preview Show & BBQ
- 8.15.24 MHS Blue & Gold Football Scrimmage Game
- 8.22.24 MHS Home FB Game (TBD)
- 8.29.24 MHS Home FB Game (TBD)

PREVIOUS YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS WORK:

Since 1904 Meridian HS Band has been serving the community of Meridian. Since 2018, we have done it with ZERO fees and 100% fundraising & sponsorships. MHS Band performs at 5-7 Football games, 10-12 Basketball Games, 4-5 home concerts, 4 assemblies, 5 District Festivals, 2-3 Jazz Festivals, 3-5 Honor Bands, Parades, Recruiting events and more.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

HOW WILL MAC CONTRIBUTION BE UTILIZED:

MHS Band is projected to need an additional \$12,500.00 between now and Aug. 30, 2024. The MAC contributions would allow us to secure funds to ensure our students can participate in all of our events.

HOW WILL PROJECT BENEFIT MERIDIAN RESIDENTS & YOUTH:

Having a thriving music program is something the whole community can benefit from. We have retirement communities that take busses of residents to our concerts. We have patrons whom only attend sporting events to hear the Band, and we have many students who participate professionally in the music community as a result of their time in the MHS Band.

Eliminating the need to pay fees and lessening the need for fundraising allows students of all socio-economic backgrounds to participate in our Band program.

TARGET AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS: All of the Meridian Community; Specifically 9-12 grade

ESTIMATED MERIDIAN RESIDENTS/VISTORS IMPACTED: Audiences = 30-50K; Students 130-160

HOW WILL MAC’S CONTRIBUTION BE RECOGNIZED:

We can place your logo on our band shirts, trailer, concert programs, website, social media, as well as announce at sporting events. Very good promotion opportunity for both parties.

ESTIMATED PARTICIPANTS IMPACTED: 130-160 students at Meridian HS