



PETERBOROUGH NEW HORIZONS BANDS

Welcome to the Peterborough New Horizons Bands

Our hope is that you will learn more about music and your instrument, make new friends and have fun.

Communication

We have a website www.nhbpeterborough.com and the members page is the page you will refer to the most. We also have a Facebook profile and a Facebook group for members only. To join the Facebook membership group, search for Peterborough New Horizons Bands and join. Your contact information will be tracked in our directory and roster, that all members will have access to. The Communication Manager will send you a link. Pnhb.music@gmail.com is used for e-transfers and for the public and members to communicate within PNHB. The Communications Manager forwards the email to the appropriate person. The board of director emails are on the website members page. You will receive PNHB announcements from committees and the board of directors. If you want to reply back to the announcement, send it to the pnhb.music@gmail.com email. Don't use your email reply button because your email will go nowhere.

Concert Bands

The skill level progression of the bands are;

Green – beginner or moving to a new instrument or a very rusty player that wants to start at the beginning.

Jubilee – generally comfortable with fingering and has a base understanding of reading music.

Allegro – not checking charts for fingering and music reading skills better than in Jubilee.

Skylark – more experienced than Allegro

Odyssey - more experienced than Skylark and invited to join

Summer – open for all to keep up their skills and keep in touch with their friends.

Ensembles

Ensembles are smaller groups whose goals and styles are specific. Some ensembles are by invitation only when specific instruments are needed. Some of these groups may play for the public like at retirement homes. You must be a member of a concert band to be in an ensemble.

Instruments

You can rent instruments from businesses like Long and McQuade for reasonable prices. PNHB has a limited number of instruments for rent or loan. Email pnhb.music@gmail.com to find out more about what is available.

First day

Check the calendar on the website members page for when the band, ensemble and sectionals rehearsals are and our rehearsal location. Depending on various factors, sectionals are offered (definitely for Green band).

Sectionals provide more specific coaching. Bands (especially Green band) use the “Accent on Achievement” series of books that you will need to purchase. Check with your Conductor. Bring your instrument, a pencil with an eraser, a stand, a cloth or towel for instrument moisture and a black music folder or three-ring binder to hold your sheet music.

Social Committee

We have a social committee that organizes membership activities. Watch for email and Facebook postings.



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Fees

Our season starts in September. We have 4 terms.

- ✓ Fall is September to December.
- ✓ Winter is January to February
- ✓ Spring is March to May
- ✓ Summer is June to August

There is a fee for each term, or you can pay for the whole season at a discount. The fees will change depending on various factors. You will be informed by email on what the fees are. This membership fee is for playing in a concert band or 2. If you join an ensemble, they have a separate fee. Fees are collected by the Band representative in each band or ensemble, which can be paid either by cash or cheque or e-transfer to pnhb.music@gmail.com (please include in the comments what the funds are for).

Membership

When you paid to be a member you have agreed to follow the By Laws, policies and procedures that are posted on the website members page. Check them out so you understand what is expected of you and how the organization works. Especially the policy regarding moving to other bands.

Funding

Our revenue sources are membership dues, grants, donations and fundraising like putting on concerts. The concerts provide the membership with the experience of performing in public (and show off to friends and family).

Committees and Board of Directors

Any member of the PNHB can volunteer to be on a committee or be on the board of directors as per the By Laws. To find out more check out the website members page. We hold an Annual General Meeting once a year to nominate and vote on Board members and to inform the membership on Board plans and the status of things. Your opinion matters so please try to attend this meeting.

New Horizon Band International Organization

There are more than 120 similar New Horizons Band programs in Canada, the U. S., Australia, and Ireland. Peterborough New Horizons Bands was started in 2002. In 2008 we became a registered charity. You can join the international organization at <https://newhorizonsmusic.org/>. You can sign up to get emails from them on instructional sessions and camps. You don't need to be a member to sign up for some of these, it will just cost more to register for a session.

Welcome again! Make beautiful music and have fun. If you have any questions just email pnhb.music@gmail.com