



NORTH VANCOUVER YOUTH BAND

P.O. Box 37103, North Vancouver, BC, V7N 4M4

BEGINNER BAND - INSTRUMENT SELECTION INFORMATION

Beginners need to meet with an instructor before a choice of instrument is confirmed, so for all beginners, pre-registration is very important. The instructors will review the instrument preferences of beginners who register early and communicate with them. Instructors will also be available on July 7, from 4:30 to 5:30pm, before the start of first summer program class in order to meet with students and a parent prior to renting an instrument. Long & McQuade will be on site with instruments to rent at that time.

Instruments available to beginners:

- Flute (if arms are too small, may rent a curved head-joint)
- Clarinet
- Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone (need larger hands)
- Trumpet
- Trombone (need long arms)
- Baritone
- Orchestra Bells and Percussion (previous success on piano required)

Additional choices for students learning a second band instrument (subject to instructor approval)

- Bass Clarinet (for students who have learned clarinet)
- French Horn (for students who have learned trumpet)
- Tuba (for students who have learned baritone)
- Oboe (private lessons will be required)

Our Reasoning:

In order to plan for growth and to have a balanced band, we naturally have a quota for each of the instruments. For example, 4 or 5 clarinets for every 3 flutes; 1 sax & 1 trumpet for every 2 clarinets; 3 or 4 bells & percussion total, and at least 1 trombone and 1 baritone.

Useful web links:

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/143160/how_to_choose_a_beginner_band_instrument.html?cat=4

http://musicappreciation.suite101.com/article.cfm/band_instruments__choosing_one