

Upbeat
New Hampshire



Save the Date!



Please join us in celebrating the Upbeat Youth Orchestra, Ensembles & Upbeat Honors Quartet and Trio:

February 5th, 6:30 PM, Nashua High North Auditorium

**Upbeat Youth Orchestra is conducted by principal conductor Elias Miller and is a collaboration with the Nashua High North's Select Band.
A heartfelt thank you to Kristin Olsen, Director of Bands!**

A warm welcome!



We are very pleased to welcome our new Arts Administrator, Leah Dunbar. Prior to Upbeat New Hampshire, she worked as an administrator with the music department at Phillips Academy, Andover. She is Corps Manager for the Nashua-based Spartans Drum and Bugle Corps and Assistant Director for the Salem Blue Devils Percussion Ensemble. Leah looks forward to building on the progress Upbeat has made to its El Sistema program in Nashua, NH and the Upbeat Youth Orchestra.

***Upbeat is proud to have several All State winners this year!
Congratulations to:***

**Ashley Chung (12th Grade), Jamie Su (10th Grade), and Denise Gioffre (12th Grade)
(And a huge thank you to Jamie for making our newsletter this month!)**



From Nashua North High School (and playing with UYO in February!):

Jazz All-State: Ben Conley (trombone), Ethan Hobbs (trumpet), Anthony Umbro (piano)

Classical All-State: Ben Conley (trombone), Scarlett Ellspermann (tuba), Ethan Hobbs (trumpet), Keegan Lee (trombone), Molly Sullivan (horn), Anthony Umbro (oboe), Bryan Wheeler (trumpet)

Chamber All-State: Ben Conley and Anthony Umbro, Jazz Combo; Scarlett Ellspermann, Brass Choir; Molly Sullivan, Chamber Winds

It's cold out there! ❄️

Here are some tips for instrument care during the winter season:

Humidity: Keep your instrument case closed and away from cold weather when possible, and use a humidifier if you have one!

Pegs: They shrink in the dry weather, causing our strings to loosen and go out of tune. Keep an eye on your string tension, and re-tune every time you play!

Bridge: Our bridges aren't glued on, and could even collapse! Inspect your instrument every time you pick it up: check for loose strings and cracks, monitor the humidity, and keep it out of the cold!

☀️ Upbeat Summer Week takes place this year from June 24th-June 28th ☀️

More updates soon on how to register!



Full Scholarships are provided to all students from a Title 1 school or on free/reduced lunch.

Dates to Remember:

February 5th, 6:30 PM: UYO and Ensembles Concert at Nashua High School North

May 16th: UYO and Ensembles Concert at Nashua High School North

May 20th: Upbeat String Festival

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