



# Valley Winds Music Association

Welcome or welcome back to the Valley Winds Music Association for part 2 of the **2011-12** season! Thank you for a wonderful December concert.

## A. Rehearsal Schedule

- All groups meet from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Punctuality is greatly appreciated to maximize the facility use and our directors' time. Be ready to sing/play at 7:30.
- Please contact your director if you will be absent from rehearsal.

CHOIR	BIG (Jazz) BAND	CONCERT BAND
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesdays in the <u>Lawrence Grassi Middle School</u> Music Room.</li><li>• January 17 thru April 17.</li><li>• Concert Rehearsal April 24 on stage at <u>Canmore Collegiate High School</u>.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wednesdays in the Canmore Collegiate High School Music Room.</li><li>• January 18 thru April 18.</li><li>• Concert Rehearsal April 25 on stage at Canmore Collegiate High School.</li><li>• 2 additional rehearsals May 9 &amp; 23 prior to Blow Out and Cochrane Dance.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursdays in the Canmore Collegiate High School Music Room.</li><li>• January 19 through April 19.</li><li>• Concert Rehearsal April 26 on stage at Canmore Collegiate High School.</li><li>• 2 additional rehearsals May 10 &amp; 24 prior to Blow Out.</li></ul>

## B. Winter Session Performances (times are tentative)

- Big Band Dance (Big Band plays; other groups volunteer) Saturday, March 30 or April 7. Locations and details TBA.
- West Valley Winds Concert Band Workshop with Colin Clarke (all members welcome to attend).

Evening of Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10 day; Canmore Collegiate. Concludes with a free public concert on Saturday at 5:00pm. Workshop fee \$45.

- Spring Concerts (All Groups)  
Friday, April 27 at 7:30 pm, Canmore Collegiate High School Theatre  
Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 pm, Rolston Recital Hall, Banff
- Blow Out (Big Band, Concert Band)  
A gathering of eight area community bands for an afternoon of music, fun and camaraderie. Afternoon of Saturday, May 26 at the Stan Rogers Stage in Canmore.
- Cochrane Big Band Dance (Big Band)  
Saturday, June 9 – Cochrane Music Society fundraiser at the Cochrane RancheHouse.

**C. Performance Dress** (for winter and spring concerts and other more formal occasions)

- Choir - black top, black bottom and a scarf or tie supplied by the Valley Winds
- Big Band - black top and black bottom
- Concert Band - black top, black bottom and a vest supplied by the Valley Winds

**D. Fundraising – “February is sausage month”**

This year the Valley Winds will be selling a variety of Valbella sausage as a fundraiser. Each member is required to sell a minimum of 16 packages or pay \$40.

Registration and membership fees cover less than 50% of the costs of running the organization. The remaining is raised from our concerts, donations, grants and member participation fundraising projects. Without fundraising, fees would need to increase substantially! Our goal is to keep rehearsal fees affordable, subsidize workshops for each group and subsidize professional development for our directors.

**E. Bursary Fund**

If someone you know would like to join the Valley Winds but the rehearsal fees are beyond their current financial circumstances, please consider making an application to our bursary fund. Bursary application forms can be printed from our web site.

**F. Board of Directors**

*President* – Lee Ann DeCoteau  
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*Vice-Pres.* – Terrance McCaine

*Secretary* – Carol Pearson

*Treasurer* – Karen Wohlfarth

*Promotion* – Judith Maxwell

*Banff/Concert Band Rep.* – Anita Batttrum

*Choir Rep.* – Ron Lewis

*Big Band Reps.* – Donna Egglestone

*Member at Large* – Les Garland

*Admin. Assist.* – Norine Hori

**Web Site:** [www.valleywindsmusic.org](http://www.valleywindsmusic.org) contains information about the organization and is a key place to check schedules, contacts and special events.