



# NSJWE Spring Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring weekend of NSJWE! We are so excited to be having this weekend in person! There is a ton of information to give you and we hope by the end of this newsletter all of your questions will be answered. Please read each section carefully.

Although most of the NSJWE spring activity will happen over the May 14-16, 2021 weekend there will be a few virtual activities to participate in prior to the weekend including; sessions with Mr. Hutten and social events.

Our goals for the May 2021 weekend;

- Create a safe and fun musical environment for the musicians.
- To give musicians a professional experience on a real stage.
- To allow musicians to connect with their friends from across the province.
- To provide them with safe and healthy snacks that are individually prepared.
- To show musicians that music can still feel normal and safe.
- To provide families with a safe opportunity to view the arts in a live concert setting.
- To adhere to all Public Health guidelines and recommendations.

## Important Dates

Our NSJWE Spring weekend will be held May 14-16, 2021 at Citadel High School- 1855 Trollop St. Halifax NS.

## Uniform

All NSJWE participants will be required to wear their new uniform top and traditional concert bottoms (black dress pants, black skirt with black tights, black

shoes etc. ) to the performance only. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing to the rehearsals. Please have your musician try on their uniform before the May weekend. It has been a long time since students have needed this and I'm sure they have grown a bit! Please send any questions or concerns to [katelyn@nsjwe.ca](mailto:katelyn@nsjwe.ca)

## Google Classroom

Mr. Hutten has created some resources to help you maneuver your way through all of this challenging music. Please log on to our NSJWE google classroom (Hutten's NSJWE Classroom- 2yuxnbb) to hear what he has to say about each piece, discover listening links, and research the scores. These will be available shortly. These are meant to help you prepare for the weekend. If you do not have access to the classroom please contact Mr. Hutten or Katelyn.

Remember- the weekend is intended to learn everyone else's parts; your part should be learned before arriving at the weekend!

## Group Performance

The NSJWE is made up of some of the best musicians of this age group in the province and we know that you are always working hard to make the best music possible. We have all missed performing with others and, assuming the restrictions do not change, we will be able to perform on the Spatz Theatre stage. We have scheduled our performance for 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 16th, 2021. Musicians should be prepared to perform ALL of this year's music at this performance. This includes the three pieces from our virtual weekend as well.

Due to current restrictions, each performer will only be permitted to bring 2 audience members. Tickets will be given to each NSJWE member on Friday evening, at registration, and we ask that you use these for entrance to the performance. We will also be collecting contact tracing information for everyone in attendance. Seating will be limited and will require social distancing between families/bubbles of at least 6 feet. A properly worn mask will be required during the entire performance for audience members, NSJWE executives, and Spatz Theatre staff.

## Fundraiser

Have you ever wondered how different the ensemble would sound if you could only sit closer to the stage instead of in the furthest back corner because, let's

face it, you had a hard time crossing the bridge, got stuck in traffic, and then couldn't find a parking spot?! Wonder no more! This year we are offering you the opportunity to **WIN YOUR DREAM SEATS!** For just 1\$ a ticket (cash only) you could win 2 seats in the front rows (or pick your preferred seat!). Tickets for the draw will be available for purchase on Friday night and Saturday morning. We will do a live draw of the tickets on our Facebook page, Saturday, May 15th, 2021, and 8 lucky winners will be drawn! Winners will be contacted Saturday evening via email to confirm.

Each year we are proud to offer bursaries to our NSJWE families. With this fundraiser, we are hoping to add additional bursaries for our next season.

## Music

Your music is in your Smart Music account right now. If you haven't gotten your music, or forget your login information please make sure to contact Holly at [librarian@nsjwe.co](mailto:librarian@nsjwe.co).

Section Leaders- You have been given extra access to Smart Music. Take a look around and use these to your benefit!

## Resources

There are a ton of resources to help you along the way. SmartMusic has many tutorial videos, Youtube has some great resources to help you with recording your performance, and our website now has a recourse page to guide you to great information as well. Check out our site at [www.nsjwe.co](http://www.nsjwe.co). Finally, Mr. Hutten will be posting information about each piece on google classroom. Stay connected to stay informed!

## Clinics

In an effort to create an NJWE bubble and keep the musicians safe we will not be offering clinics to the students for the May weekend. Instead, they will be given time to work individually, within their section, and with NSJWE executives to perfect their repertoire between large group rehearsals and social activities.

## Social Activities

These are a great way to stay connected with your NSJWE family! During the month of April, join us for a few virtual social activities. This will help you reconnect with your friends and music family. We will send out more information

about how to join these as they approach but keep in mind... the more you play the more you could win!

## 2021-2022 Auditions

It seems so strange to talk about auditions before our current season is finished however, it is that time of year! Application information is now available on our website [www.nsjwe.ca](http://www.nsjwe.ca). Next year we are hoping to support the re-building of wind band's across the province by offering the ensemble to students without an audition. Students will still need a reference from their band director/private instructor/ or musician in their life and must complete the application by June 7, 2021. Students looking for more senior roles, such as section leaders, may submit an audition piece of their choosing.

If you have questions we ask that you direct them to the appropriate executive member;

Kate Gillis- Executive Director- [katelyn@nsjwe.ca](mailto:katelyn@nsjwe.ca)

Danielle Chute- Treasurer- [danielle@nsjwe.ca](mailto:danielle@nsjwe.ca)

Holly Hartlen- Librarian- [librarian@nsjwe.ca](mailto:librarian@nsjwe.ca)

Maya Taraschi- Equipment manager/Clinic bookings-  
[equipment.manager@nsjwe.ca](mailto:equipment.manager@nsjwe.ca)

Andre Gaudet- Media & promotion- [gaudet.andre@gmail.com](mailto:gaudet.andre@gmail.com)

### NSJWE Checklist:

- Instruments
- Music already printed
- Pencils
- Mutes/reeds/ oils etc.
- Uniform- NSJWE Shirt, black bottoms and black shoes
- Casual clothes for rehearsals and warm clothes and outdoor footwear for our social activity
- If you prefer to use a performance mask you are welcome to use this and is recommended- however not required
- **Bell covers will be required** and will be provided to you upon arrival at rehearsal on Friday, May 14th, 2021. If you prefer to bring your own you are welcome to do so
- Masks are required at all times when musicians are not in rehearsal or performing. Please bring 1-2 extra. We will have masks to give out as well

# Schedule for Nova Scotia Junior Wind Ensemble Weekend

May 14-16, 2021

This is subject to change, however

start and finish times are final.

## Friday, May 14, 2021

- 5:00 pm Registration at Citadel High School  
We suggest everyone arrive no more than 30 min. prior to rehearsal.  
There will be no supervision for musicians prior to 5:00 pm. Please maintain social distancing when waiting to register your musician.
- 5:30 pm Social event and full rehearsal
- 8:45 pm Rehearsal over & home with families

## Saturday, May 15, 2021

- 8:30 am Students arrive & register at Citadel High School
- 8:45 am Get to know your section!
- 9:00 am Full rehearsal
- 10:15 am Snack
- 10:30 am Small group practice with an executive member
- 11:00 am Social
- 11:30 am Full rehearsal
- 12:45 pm Bagged Lunch (provided by billets/parents)
- 1:15 pm Rehearsal
- 2:15 pm Break
- 2:30 pm Social
- 3:00 pm Full Rehearsal
- 4:45 pm Home with families

## Sunday, May 16, 2021

- 8:30 am Students arrive& register at Citadel High School
- 8:45 am Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Break & movement activity
- 10:45 am Rehearsal
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:30 pm Ready for Concert
- 1:00 pm Concert begins!

Students will be issued 2 tickets (this may increase if gathering limits change) on Friday evening at registration. There may be extra tickets available at the end of

the evening. If you would like to be put on a waitlist for these email [katelyn@nsjwe.ca](mailto:katelyn@nsjwe.ca) as soon as possible. Please bring these tickets with you to the performance. If you will not be using both of your tickets please let us know on Friday evening so that we can issue these to others. It would be great to have a "full house"! **There is no cost to the tickets.** NSJWE strives to create an affordable experience for everyone. However, if you would like to make a donation to the group there will be a collection site, and the opportunity to donate via e-transfer. All proceeds go towards creating rewarding experiences for the NSJWE students including relieving financial barriers through scholarships and bursaries.

After the performance, audience members are expected to continue following social distancing protocols. Please feel free to use the open space in front of the theatre to wait for your musician. They will come to you. Please do not go looking for them or approach the stage after the performance. As the performance will be in May we are expecting lovely weather and encourage you to wait outside for your musician as well. Only musicians will be asked to tear down the stage at the end of the performance and we appreciate your patience waiting for them.