

The Little London Winds

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ABOUT THE LITTLE LONDON WINDS A Community Band Based in Colorado Springs

General The Little London Winds is Colorado Springs' premier Wind Ensemble. It was established in August 1992 by a small group of musicians who wished to play quality literature and maintain a high level of performance. The idea behind the ensemble was to gather together serious amateur musicians who enjoy working toward a high standard of performance. The ensemble is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that accepts tax-deductible donations.

Director The Little London Winds is under the direction of Mr. Joe Olivieri. Joe obtained a Masters of Education degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder. He has previously conducted other community bands and orchestras in Southern Colorado as well as in North Carolina. He also plays trumpet and cornet for two other local music groups. Joe began directing The Little London Winds in the fall of 2017.

Music The Little London Winds performs a variety of music literature from well-known favorites to newer pieces. The group has performed in concert throughout Southern Colorado as well as Raton, New Mexico. Each fall/winter we perform in at least one formal concert. Most notably however, is the group's wildly popular summer concert series, drawing around 600-plus audience members a night. The Little London Winds also has a rich history of passing on the love of music and learning by doing clinics and concerts with Colorado Springs area schools during the spring.

History When the wind ensemble formed in 1992, the members wanted a name that would connect the group to the area. Back before Colorado Springs decided to use the "Springs" from Manitou Springs, the city was called Little London. Hence, the name Little London Winds was chosen based on history. The performers liked the fact that the name Little London Winds also reflected the wonderful tradition of band music founded by the British.

Membership The members of the ensemble are all volunteers. Membership is by audition or invitation only, and each section has a limited number of seats. At 40-plus members strong, the ensemble includes professional and amateur musicians from a wide variety of vocations such as music performance, engineering, military service and journalism to name a few. Rehearsals are Monday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Mitchell High School band room.

Music Education Series We are devoted to spreading the love and joy of music and music education in our community. That's why we spend our spring semester doing joint concerts with area schools. We love showing music students that there is room in your adult life for music, or as our conductor, Paul Jacobson, puts it, "There is life after school for music!" We hope that members of our community will share in the music education experience with us by attending our joint concerts--it's a great way to support music and local youth musicians. As all our other performances, these concerts are free and open to the public. To learn more about our Music Education Series, visit our Music Education Series homepage at <http://www.littlelondonwinds.org/musiceducation.html>.

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