

**Fall 2025 Schedule**

**Congaree New Horizons Band Program**

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**MONDAYS: CONCERT AND JAZZ BANDS (Civilian)**

All rehearsals will be held at USC String Project (851 Park St.) building unless indicated otherwise.

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| Monday, September 8th  | Rehearsal (Jazz Band will attend USC Jazz Faculty Recital- USC Recital Hall) |
| Monday, September 15th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, September 22nd  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, September 29th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, October 6th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, October 13th  | Rehearsal  |
| Monday, October 20th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, October 27th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 3rd  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 10th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 17th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 24th   | No Rehearsal – USC Thanksgiving Break |
| Monday, December 1st  | Rehearsal  |
| Monday, December 8th  | Dress Rehearsal – on stage in Recital Hall or Koger Large |
|  | CONCERT #1 DATES TBA (based on locations) |
|  | CONCERT #2 DATES TBA (based on locations) |

**Concert and Jazz Bands: Weekly Rehearsal Schedule**

5:30 – 6:45 PM

 Soda City Concert Band (Mandi Schlegel/Drew Connolly) SP Big Room

 Soda City Explorer Band (Ray Dunovant) SP Small Room 1

 Soda City Beginning Band (Mandi Schlegel/Drew Connolly/TBA) SP Small Room 2

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

 Beginner Jazz Band (Ray Dunovant) SP Small Room 1

 Crescent Moon Jazz Band (Greyson Smallen) SP Big Room

Mandi Schlegel, aschlegel@mozart.sc.edu; Ray Dunovant, rbd712@gmail.com; Drew Connolly, connolam@email.sc.edu; Greyson Smallen (esmallen@email.sc.edu); Katie Sightler (sightlk@email.sc.edu); Trey Hogan (tehogan@email.sc.edu)

Pay Fall 25 registration fees here: <https://bit.ly/PlaywithCNH>

Google Classroom invite link (Advanced Band) – (only NEW members need to join class) <https://classroom.google.com/c/MTQ0NDE1MTcyOTE1?cjc=4u72opr>

Google Classroom invite link (Intermediate Band) – (only NEW members need to join class)

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTQ0NDE1MTcyOTQ4?cjc=ma7kv4p>

**MONDAYS: The Flute Loops**

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM; USC String Project – (851 Park St., Columbia)**Flute chamber ensemble. For information, contact Ziqing Guan, ziqingg@email.sc.edu

**MONDAYS: United Sound**

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM; USC String Project – (851 Park St., Columbia)**

This is a new intergenerational ensemble intentionally designed for adults with disabilities. USC music students and community music ensemble members are invited to serve as mentors to adult members of the local disabled community. Complete [this form](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=GUsqSzXRDkKLsrHNI4mYzMMHKsyqK7NBm-Th7F0xmT1UODlSSDYzNEI4V085RElOS0FQQVlXRDVPRC4u&origin=lprLink&route=shorturl) if you are interested in being a mentor. You can also learn more about United Sound at this [link](https://youtu.be/abo1hMTp4HQ?si=BtzfDYgYLsyU7b3o). Mandi Schlegel is organizing this initiative.

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| Monday, October 6th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, October 13th  | Rehearsal  |
| Monday, October 20th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, October 27th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 3rd  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 10th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 17th  | Rehearsal |
| Monday, November 24th   | No Rehearsal – USC Thanksgiving Break |
| Monday, December 1st  | Rehearsal  |
| Monday, December 8th  | Dress Rehearsal – on stage in Recital Hall or Koger Large |
|  | CONCERT #1 DATES TBA (based on locations) |
|  | CONCERT #2 DATES TBA (based on locations) |

**TUESDAYS: JAM BAND**

Rehearsals are held in **107** in the School of Music (813 Assembly Street, Cola)

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| Tuesday, September 9th  | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, September 16th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, September 23rd  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, September 30th  | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, October 7th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, October 14th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, October 21st  | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, October 28th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, November 4th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, November 11th  | Rehearsal |
| Tuesday, November 18th  | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, November 25th  | No Rehearsal – USC Thanksgiving Break |
| Tuesday, December 2nd   | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, December 8th  | Dress rehearsal for Jamateurs, Dixieland, and other chamber groups who want the stage – OR a concert date |
|  | CONCERT #1 DATES TBA (based on locations) |
|  | CONCERT #2 DATES TBA (based on locations) |

\*\***Any instrument** is a welcome addition to the Jamateurs, including any wind or stringed instrument\*\*

**Jam Band Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:**

5:15 – Room opens and set up/tuning begins (there is a lot to set up; come and learn about gear)

6:00–7:00 – Rehearsal

7:00–7:15 – tear down and put away instruments/gear

Resources (books/apps/websites/instruments) we have:

Modern Band method Book 1: Guitar, Drums, Bass, Ukulele, Keys

<https://www.ultimate-guitar.com/>; <https://jamzone.musicwill.org/>; <https://www.chordgenome.com/>

Instruments we have: ukuleles, 2 acoustic guitars, 2 electric guitars, 2 basses, keyboards (electric and acoustic), drum set, amps

Have questions? Mandi Schlegel – aschlegel@mozart.sc.edu; Greyson Smallen (esmallen@email.sc.edu)

Google Classroom invite link (The Jamateurs) – only new members need to join class

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTQ0NDE1MTcyOTQ4?cjc=ma7kv4p>

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**TUESDAYS: Loose Canon Recorder Ensemble**

**10:00–11:30AM; St. Paul’s Lutheran Church – (1715 Bull Street, Columbia)**Small groups playing authentic recorder music. For information, contact Adolfo Reparaz, loosecanonrecorders@gmail.com

**WEDNESDAYS: Clarinet Ensemble**

Rehearsals are held in room **022** in the School of Music (813 Assembly Street, Cola). See times and schedule below.

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|  | Clarinet Ensemble |
| Wednesday, September 10th  | Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, September 17th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, September 24th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, October 1st  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, October 8th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, October 15th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, October 22nd  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, October 29th  | Rehearsal |
| Wednesday, November 5th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, November 12th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, November 19th  | Rehearsal  |
| Wednesday, November 26th  | USC Thanksgiving Break  |
| Wednesday, December 3rd  | Rehearsal  |
| Tuesday, December 9th  | POSSIBLE Optional Dress rehearsal for concert in Recital Hall |
|  | CONCERT #1 DATES TBA (based on locations) |
|  | CONCERT #2 DATES TBA (based on locations) |

**Clarinet Ensemble; Weekly Rehearsal Schedule**

\*\*Clarinet ensemble (Ray Dunovant) 5:30–6:30

Have questions?

Ray Dunovant – rbd712@gmail.com

\*\*Veterans interested in this group are asked to pay a portion of the instructor fee to participate in this group\*\*

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**THURSDAYS: JAZZ COMBOS**

Rehearsals are held in **room 022** in the School of Music (813 Assembly Street, Cola)

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| Thursday, September 11th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 18th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, September 25th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 2nd  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 9th  | USC Fall Break |
| Thursday, October 16th | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 23rd  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, October 30th  | Rehearsal  |
| Thursday, November 6th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, November 13th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, November 20th  | Rehearsal |
| Thursday, November 27th   | Happy Thanksgiving! |
| Thursday, December 4th  | Rehearsal  |
|  | CONCERT DATES TBA (based on locations) |

**Weekly Rehearsal Schedule:**

Junior Varsity Combo – 6:30–7:30

Varsity Combo – 7:40–8:40

Have questions?

John Valerio – jvalerio@mozart.sc.edu

 \*\*Veterans interested in these groups are asked to pay a portion of the instructor fee to participate in this group\*\*

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**SATURDAYS: ARMED SERVICES VETERANS BANDS**

 **Armed Services Veterans Beginning Band (ASVBB)
and**

**Armed Services Veterans Band (ASVB)**

All rehearsals will be held at USC String Project (851 Park St.) building unless indicated otherwise.

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| Saturday, September 6th  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, September 13th  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, September 20th  | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, September 27th  | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, October 4th  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, October 11th  | Rehearsal – USC Fall Break |
| Saturday, October 18th  | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, October 25th  | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, November 1st  | Rehearsal  |
| Saturday, November 8th  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, November 15th  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, November 22nd  | Rehearsal |
| Saturday, November 29th   | USC Thanksgiving Break  |
| Saturday, December 6th  | Rehearsal  |
|  | CONCERT #1 DATES TBA (based on locations) |
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**ASVB and ASVBB: Saturday morning schedule**

**8:30–9:30 –** Setup rehearsal space, chairs, music

**9:15–9:45 –** Getting to know you over coffee

**9:15–10:15 –** Armed Services Veterans Beginning Band rehearsal (String Project Room 219)

**10:00–10:45 –** Armed Services Veterans Band rehearsals (String Project Room 220)

**10:45–11:00 –** Short break

**11:00–11:45 –** tear down, visit, and depart

Street parking is free on Saturday mornings. Veterans with physical difficulties can park in front of the String Project building on Park Street. On busy Saturday mornings, you may need to park on Assembly St., one block north of the School of Music. You can also buy a parking pass for the Discovery Parking Garage.

**Have questions?**
Paul Northen (ASVBB) – northenp@gmail.com (Armed Services Veterans Band);
Mandi Schlegel (Any CNHB program questions) – aschlegel@mozart.sc.edu

Google Classroom invite link (ASVB) – only new members need to join class

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NTIzMTAzMTI1OTI0?cjc=vhh7xpz>

**FALL 2025 ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Lessons – Starting in Spring 2025, only members of the beginning band will take “lessons” through CNHB. Members—and teachers—will register for lessons through Carolina Music Studios ([CMS Link](https://sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/music/community/community_music_school/classes_private_lessons.php)).
2. CNHB program instruments – Starting in **FALL 25**, we will have instruments that belong to the program. This inventory will include flutes, **a piccolo**, clarinets, alto saxes, trumpets, trombones, one four-valve euphonium, and an electronic drum kit. These were originally going to be available in Spring 25, but I cannot store them in my office due to the unpredictable nature of water leaks from the ceiling. Once new storage is installed in the String Project, we will purchase the instruments.