

About Whidbey Island Brass Camp:

The Whidbey Island Brass Camp is the only of its kind in this location, inviting young brass players aged 12-18 (7th grade to freshly-graduated seniors) from all over the Northwest to come together and learn more about brass & music. Students will have opportunities to play in large and small groups, with varying combinations of instruments. Students who would can play multiple brass instruments will have opportunities to do so. In addition, there will be sessions & classes taught on many different aspects of music that are fun and educational, and will make students better musicians. We also will have team-building exercises and sports to get the kids outside and active (weather permitting). The camp staff members are all brass players themselves who can provide a lot of extra insight at coaching. Finally, we will showcase our hard work with free concerts featuring our ensembles on the final days of camp for friends and family.

We know that eager young brass students will love this camp and leave feeling a newfound appreciation for brass, as well as a more extensive knowledge & improved ability level. It provides a great playing opportunity for the summer, and will prepare them even more for school band in September. This is the fifth year of the Whidbey Island Brass Camp, and we hope to continue to grow the program to allow more activities and guest artists, as well as more opportunities for students.

About the camp director:



Sean A. Brown is an active performer, teacher, conductor, and composer on Whidbey Island. He is proficient in playing and teaching all brass instruments (with his primary instrument being horn), and he

teaches a growing studio of 35+ brass students. He also founded and directs the Whidbey Island Horn Club, the Harbor Brass Choir (for middle-schoolers), and the Penn Cove Brass Ensemble (for high-schoolers). His students are regular participants in the regional and state levels of Solo & Ensemble in Washington, as well as members of the All-State and All-Northwest honor groups.

Mr. Brown's credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in Horn Performance from Central Washington University and a Master's Degree in Horn Performance from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He currently serves as principal horn of the Saratoga Symphony Orchestra of Whidbey Island, and has performed with many orchestras and concert bands in Washington and Wisconsin.

Sean A. Brown Presents:

Whidbey Island Brass Camp



July 29th-Aug. 3rd, 2024

9:00am to 5:00pm (Mon-Fri)

9:00 to 2:00pm (Sat)

Located at:

**Oak Harbor Lutheran Church
1253 NW 2nd Ave, Oak Harbor, WA**

Events at the camp include:

- Rehearsing and performing appropriately challenging music in large ensembles, including aged-based groups and a mass ensemble
- Rehearsing and performing with small ensembles (trios, quartets, etc.)
- Learning about improvisation
- Learning music history
- Working with different music coaches
- Improving music theory knowledge
- Learning proper practicing techniques
- Playing team-based sports and exercises outside of music
- Listening to live performances by local artists and ensembles

Students will benefit from:

- Playing a variety of musical styles with different combinations of instruments
- Learning a lot about brass instruments brass playing, & brass history
- Working as a team
- Improving sight-reading ability
- Improving practice skills & warm-ups
- Meeting people & making new friends

Registration:

Cost: \$225

The registration price will cover admission to the entire camp and all rehearsals, educational sessions and concerts. All sheet music played at the camp will be provided. Because this is a day camp, housing will not be provided.

Additionally, please note that meals and transportation are also not provided.

Applications are available on the web address listed in this pamphlet. A \$50 non-refundable deposit (checks payable to Sean Brown) is required with the application, which will be applied to your registration cost. However, you can also choose to pay the full registration when you submit the application. Details on where to send forms and payments are listed on the application.

T-Shirt Design Contest:

Students have the opportunity to design a logo to go just on the front of our camp T-shirts. Designs should be a single color and appropriate for the Brass Camp. The winner of the contest will be awarded a \$25 scholarship towards their camp tuition. Entries should be submitted to Mr. Brown no later than June 29th, 2024.

Student Assistant Opportunity:

There will be opportunities for junior & senior high school students to provide leadership. Student Assistants will be given a small group to coach, and likely a piece to conduct with a large ensemble. They will also serve as leaders to the other students at the camp, and must display the highest level of professionalism. Student assistants will receive a \$25 scholarship for the camp. The number of student assistants will be limited, so not every applicant may be accepted.

Applications due by June 29th, 2024

Contact Information:

For any questions, comments or concerns, please contact camp director Sean Brown at any time. He can be reached at:

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Applications:

www.seanbrownmusic.weebly.com/whidbey-island-brass-camp.html

