



Educational Activity & Concert Options

We pride ourselves on making our programs fun and educational for every student in the room. We perform all of our music from memory, allowing us to move and interact with your students, whether it's five students in a practice room or 500 kids in a school gymnasium. Our setup needs are simple - often just a microphone to speak to large groups if we are in a gym or large auditorium - and we will work closely with you to align our educational focus with your current lesson plans.

With over 450 educational presentations under our belt from kindergarten through college we have the experience to adapt to any classroom scenario and can assure you that we will be easy for you to work with.

Educational Activities

Interactive Classroom Concerts

Middle and High School Band, Orchestra or Choir

These presentations for middle and high school music students feature performances of several of The CSB's own arrangements of classical, jazz and pop tunes. We will challenge your students to be active listeners and participate in discussions about what they hear, how the music works, and what other observations they make with live professional musicians in their midst. Our focus is on demonstrating good playing habits and great sounds, sharing our passion and enthusiasm for making music, reinforcing the key concepts you teach in daily rehearsals, and reinvigorating your students with new ideas to carry into your next rehearsal!

Brass Masterclasses or Sectionals

Middle and High School Band or Orchestra

On our longer visits to schools we often have time to work in small groups with brass students or help coach sectionals or chamber music groups. This affords you the time to rehearse a smaller group as well, or you can have your non-brass students observe a brass masterclass (most of our concepts presented are general and would benefit your winds and percussion as well as brass players) - it is completely up to you.

Elementary Lyceum

Large group performance, K-5

Our 20-30 minute program for young audiences (K-5 or so) includes several energetic tunes meant to introduce brass sounds to students and get their bodies in motion. Our presentation introduces basic musical concepts like higher and lower pitch, slow and fast tempi, and allows the students to learn about each brass instrument and its job.

Elementary Music "Brass Petting Zoo"

Small groups of similar grade level (general music class), K-5

These performances are similar to the lyceums but with more of a focus on teaching about music and presenting grade-level specific concepts. The smaller, classroom-size group allows for more question and answer time, as well as more in-depth demonstrations.

Evening Community Concerts

Partnership Concert with your Students

We love performing with others! After all, that's why we do what we do. We have performed as the "featured group" with bands from middle schools to university wind ensembles and orchestras to excellent adult community bands. Generally, we perform a tune or two for brass quintet and band/orchestra and play a couple quick tunes on our own. This is a fun way for the community to hear The CSB without having to devote your entire concert program to us, and works particularly well as the "capstone" performance of a multi-day residency visit. Think this is a cool idea but don't know where to start? We've played just about everything that's been published for brass quintet and "insert ensemble of varying skill level here", and our amazing horn player and arranger Tim Bradley has created several tunes for band, orchestra, and brass quintet (us) at different ability levels which you can check out on our website.

CSB Touring Program Concert

This one-hour evening performance may be selected from our current touring programs. All of our concert programs feature a mix of jazz, rock, classical and pop music that we guarantee has something that everyone will enjoy. Many of these concerts are presented as part of a larger residency and provide the opportunity for you to keep ticket sales or donations to help meet a grant match or to support your program.

Evolution in Concert

This program put The CSB on the map and has been a hit in communities across the country for many years. The show features exciting music that spans over 250 years, from Mozart to Brahms to Dave Brubeck to Billy Joel to Adele, and has wowed audiences with its innovative blend of musical styles and dazzling fusion of brass with guitar, piano, percussion, drums, and electronics. This concert shatters the divide between listener and performer, featuring audience interaction and lively banter - all the while being educational, entertaining, and virtuosic.

That 80's Show

The CSB rocks out for a night of big hair and big brass! This show features the quintet covering popular 80's music from three decades: the 1780's, 1880's, and 1980's. From the big wigs of Mozart to the big hair of Guns n' Roses, music from the 80's is covered in a whole new way. Music includes arias from Mozart's The Magic Flute, popular selections from Bizet's Carmen, and fun covers of 1980's rock and pop mega-hits by Queen, Journey, The Police, Michael Jackson, Guns n' Roses, and much more. Joining the quintet to rock out on drums is Twin Cities percussionist Reid Kennedy.

Christmas on Copper Street

Think all holiday concerts are the same? THINK AGAIN! This show celebrates the stories, songs, and sounds of the season through the quintet's original arrangements for brass, including music from favorite childhood movies and TV specials like The Nutcracker, The Grinch, and A Charlie Brown Christmas. Ranging from traditional holiday music to jazzy arrangements of familiar carols, this show has something for everyone and truly celebrates the magic of the season.