

The Florida Wind Band

Season 17 | 2024-2025

Accomplishments



Concert Offerings

- **Mainstage Performances:** Our premier, professional Wind Band presented five high-impact concerts this season. In Season 18, a new partnership with Pasco-Hernando State College will help expand our concert reach.
- **Chamber Music Expansion:** The “Lights Out” Series grew to three performances, and will continue to expand in Season 18 due to strong audience interest.
- **Sold-Out Success:** For the third consecutive year, our May Concert Series sold out, reflecting strong community support and demand.

Community Support & Visibility

- **Sponsor & Donor Growth:** Our donor base more than doubled, from 43 in Season 16 to 99 in Season 17. We are aiming to surpass 100 in Season 18!
- **Community Partners:** We are grateful to Palma Ceia Presbyterian, Hyde Park United Methodist, USF, Berkeley Preparatory School, Sickles High School, and H.B. Plant High School for space, outreach, and support.
- **Grant & State Recognition:** We renewed our Hillsborough County Arts Council Grant for a third year and are now eligible for funding from the Florida Division of Arts & Culture.
- **Transparency & Trust:** We earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency for 2025 from Candid—showcasing our commitment to accountability and public trust.

Audience Development

- **22% Growth in Attendance:** Season 17 concerts saw a 22% average increase in audience size. We are excited to build on this in Season 18—bring a friend!
- **Pre-Concert Chats:** Our new pre-concert talks were a hit, giving attendees deeper insight into the music and performers.
- **Diverse Programming:** From full ensemble to chamber concerts, our offerings provide rich, varied experiences for audiences of all ages.

Educational Outreach

- **Autumn Winds Expansion:** Now offering year-round instruction and mentorship for middle and high school students in our Bay Area Youth Winds program.
- **Concerto Competition:** Our second annual competition gave the winner a unique opportunity to perform twice with the Florida Wind Band as a featured soloist.
- **School Partnerships & Scholarships:** We partnered with six schools, providing scholarships to deserving students, ensuring access to quality music education.

Musician Talent

- **Expertise:** 97% of our musicians hold music degrees, with 12% holding terminal degrees—a testament to our organization's mission and vision to provide the Tampa Bay area with a professional Wind Band.
- **Educator-Musicians:** 79% of members are music educators, and 63% perform professionally across Florida, enriching both the classroom and the concert hall.
- **One-Rehearsal Excellence:** Our ensemble delivers concert-ready performances with just one rehearsal, showcasing remarkable efficiency and artistry.

