

# Joining the ONE Band

(Old North End Neighborhood Band)

Thursdays 5:30-6:45 @ #12 Decatur St.

The **ONE Band** (Old North End Neighborhood Band) invites all teenagers to join us in playing the traditional music of Burlington. We are a mixed winds/strings ensemble of twelve musicians of various ages and abilities accompanied by adult director Brian Perkins. We play challenging music in a fun and supportive environment at rehearsals, at informal jam sessions and at formal performances. Members develop musical skills, enrich the cultural life of the community and experience the thrill of having their creativity amplified by a group of enthusiastic young musicians from throughout Burlington.



## **Am I ready to be in the ONE Band?**

- I can play my instrument and can get it into tune.
- I can make it to at least half of the weekly sessions.
- I am a teenager.
- I know how to play in several different key signatures.
- I like to play in a group setting where I play a lot and listen to others.
- I am willing to take advice and work to improve my playing.

## **How is ONE Band different from school band/orchestra?**

- More playing, less waiting.
- There is often more room for creativity within your part and in the bands arrangements.
- People dance.
- People sings. Don't be surprised if you do too... in languages you didn't know existed.
- Wind players will sometimes play in interesting keys like D, A, and even E
- Folk music tends to be more repetitive than orchestral music with short melodies repeated.
- Style, arrangements, and other details will be learned by ear or improvised by the group.
- There is usually no conductor.

## **How is ONE Band different from a fiddle session?**

- We will have sheet music for everything. You don't have to use it if you have a really good ear.
- Fiddles and guitars will sometimes play in challenging keys, like B<sup>b</sup> and Gm.
- Some of the other instruments will be really loud...with spit valves!

## **Do I have to live in the Old North End?**

- No! All are welcome.

## **Are There "Try Outs?"**

- The director Brian Perkins will talk to you about your level of playing. He will work very hard to include everyone but he might make some suggestions on skills you should be practicing.

## **When do I start?**

- Call Brian for info or just come by 12 Decatur St. Thursdays 5:30-6:45.

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