ABOUT THE PROGRAM: Western’s Young Winds Program provides students from the local community with instrumental music education supplementary to that provided by the students' school bands. The program focuses on small group lessons as well as a full band experience. Primary teachers are a select group of students from the Western University instrumental music teacher program.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? The program provides instruction for instrumental students in grades six, seven, eight, or nine. Students who are already studying one of the traditional concert band instruments and may not have the opportunity to participate in a formal ensemble at their school are also welcome. Students who have studied one of the following instruments for at least six months are eligible to participate in the program: Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet (all types), Saxophone (all types), Horn, Trumpet, Baritone Horn/Euphonium, Trombone, Tuba, and Percussion.

COST: Tuition fee is $65, which includes staffing, materials, and administrative costs. Note: This includes a $15 non-refundable registration fee.

2017 SCHEDULE: Western Young Winds will meet 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the following Saturday mornings in Talbot College, Room 101: Jan. 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18; Mar. 4, 18, 25; Apr. 1 (final concert).

PROGRAM DIRECTORS: Dr. Kevin Watson teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education, and is the Artistic Director of the Western University Jazz Ensemble. Dr. Colleen Richardson teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education, directs the Western University Wind Ensemble, and is Coordinator of Bands.

To register and for more information, go to www.music.uwo.ca/youngwinds