



FIRST PERFORMANCE

NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION

Ideas to Enhance the Experience of the *FIRST PERFORMANCE* *NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION* by Involving High School Band/Orchestra Students

It is important to remember that students of this age look up to their older peers so involving high school band/orchestra students can serve to motivate the beginners and their parents to stick with it. Reach out to your high school directors to become involved by:

- Asking high school students (in uniform) to serve as ushers to distribute programs as people enter.
- Asking high school students (in uniform) to “meet and greet” the parents/students as they begin to show up to the warm-up area.
- Asking like-instrument high school students (in uniform) to assist in tuning the instruments for the beginners.
- For band, arranging for the entire high school marching band to burst into the performance area (as a surprise) playing the high school fight song just prior to the final selection. After students play their final selection, ask the high school band students to congratulate (i.e. high-five) the beginners.
- Arranging for a high school student combo (or several soloists) to perform at the post-performance reception.
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Additional Ideas to Personalize the Experience for Your Beginners

- Download the logo to make t-shirts in your school colors
- Get instant, live feedback from your audience using Poll Everywhere
<https://www.polleverywhere.com/plans/k-12>
- Upload videos using your phone of parent, principal and student reactions and email to info@nammfoundation.org.