



Hearing Wellness Resources for Ohio State School of Music Students

School of Music Hearing Wellness Liaison **Dr. Scott A. Jones**



Scott A. Jones is associate professor of music and associate director of University Bands in the School of Music at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to conducting The Ohio State Symphonic Band, he also leads the undergraduate conducting curriculum. Jones is also director of the Ohio State Youth Summer Music Program. Prior to joining the faculty at Ohio State, Dr. Jones served as director of bands at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. He also garnered 15 years of teaching experience in the public schools of Apple Valley, Minnesota and Ashville, Ohio.

During doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota, Dr. Jones became engaged with researchers exploring “music-induced hearing loss” in practicing musicians and music educators. He has advocated hearing conservation for music educators and students of music for more than a decade, and continues that work in the School of Music at Ohio State.

Etymotic Ear Plugs

The Ohio State University School of Music is dedicated to educating students of music to the dangers of “music-induced hearing loss” as part of their educational experience. All incoming first-year and transfer students are presented with a complimentary pair of high-fidelity musician’s ear plugs made by Etymotic Research, Inc. (www.etymotic.com).

ETY•Plugs® are the world’s highest fidelity non-custom earplugs. They reduce most noise to safe levels while preserving the clarity of speech and the richness of music. ETY•Plugs are configured to replicate the natural response of the ear canal so that when sound enters the earplug, it is reproduced unchanged, exactly the same as the ear would hear it, only quieter.

Additionally, all members of the Ohio State University Marching Band are also provided with a complimentary pair of ETY•Plugs for their use during marching band rehearsals and performances.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic

Ohio State is also blessed to have exceptional resources on campus for hearing conservation and wellness. The Ohio State University Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic is located in Room 141 Pressey Hall, 1070 Carmack Road, Columbus, Ohio 43210. Pressey Hall is located on Ohio State’s west campus easily accessible via the campus area bus system (CABS).

The professionals at the clinic have the ability to:

- answer questions about individual hearing concerns
- provide thorough individualized evaluations of individual hearing
- fit individuals for custom-fitted hearing protection

Ohio State Health Plan and Ohio State Student Insurance are accepted (no co-payment required).

Students may schedule an appointment by calling (614) 292-6251 or emailing slhclinic@osu.edu.

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