

# Wall of Sound 2010

## "Spy Vs. Band"



Since 1999, The G-town Wall of Sound has performed at local parades, home football games, UW Band Day and has competed in regional and state marching band competitions each fall.

This year's theme is "Spy vs. Band" and includes some of the greatest spy music ever written. Music will include Mission Impossible, Secret Agent Man, The Pink Panther and the theme music from the Spy vs. Spy cartoon. Our show music and marching drill will be specially written by Andrew Lee Tucker (band director at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse).

The 2010 Wall of Sound will consist of approximately 92 Germantown High School band students in grades 9-12. Students gain membership into the Wall of Sound by audition. Color guard & percussion will audition on March 15<sup>th</sup>, woodwinds audition on March 16<sup>th</sup> and brass will audition on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Audition materials will be available on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

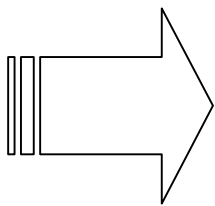
The instrumentation breakdown for the 2010 Wall of Sound includes:

- 20 high woodwinds (flutes & clarinets)
- 16 high brass (trumpets)
- 12 midline (marching horns, alto saxophones)
- 16 low brass/woodwind (tenor saxophones trombones, baritones, tubas)
- 8 field percussion (3 snare drums, 4 bass drums, 1 tenor drum)
- 5 pit percussion (mallet instruments & battery for drum feature)
- 12 color guard (flags, dance, rifle & sabre)
- 3 drum majors

The Wall of Sound is a unique group. It is both a curricular class and a co-curricular ensemble. The Wall of Sound meets as a class in the fall (it will be listed as Wind Symphony on your class schedule) and performs as part of that class requirement at home football games. In addition, the Wall of Sound also has a co-curricular component that rehearses outside of the school day, performs at summer parades, miscellaneous performances and competes at area competitions and at the State Marching Band Championships in the fall.

The Wall of Sound is one of three bands that meet during the first semester of the school year. The other two bands include the Symphonic Band (grades 10-12) and the Freshman Concert Band (grade 9).

Incoming freshmen students should sign up for Freshman Concert Band. Current freshman students should sign up for Symphonic Band and all upper classmen should sign up for the band they are presently in. Any changes in student scheduling will be taken care of by the band staff once auditions are complete.



**Due to the competitive format of the Wall of Sound, attendance is a priority. Students must be able to attend both May rehearsals, at least five of seven summer playing rehearsals, at least six of the ten Marching Tech sessions and must successfully complete their memorization check in July. All rehearsals, camps and performances from July 27<sup>th</sup> onward are required.**

The Wall of Sound provides great rewards for its participants. That being said, there are also great expectations and demands on Wall participants. We ask that all members work hard, work together and always be respectful as we strive for excellence together.

Attached is a rehearsal/performance calendar and information explaining the cost of the Wall of Sound. If you are interested in trying out for the Wall of Sound, fill out and return the Wall Membership Application no later than February 26th.

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