

Wind Ensemble Performs in Chicago
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By the time you read this, The Mt. San Antonio College Wind Ensemble will have arrived in Chicago, Illinois! Today marks the first day of the 2016 Wind Ensemble Performance Tour To Chicago, Illinois. As we make our way towards Chicago, we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to rehearse in the same rehearsal space as the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the plethora of touring and cultural sightseeing opportunities that await, the great food (Chicago Pizza!), and time for fellowship and friendship. Most importantly, the performance tour to Chicago is a “business” trip culminating in the opportunity to make music on The Armour Stage of Chicago’s Symphony Center - Home to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra! The opportunity to make music in the same space as one of the world’s great orchestras, as well as share our collective artistry with the ensembles and audience in attendance at our forthcoming Chicago Concert is due in large part to the “village” of the Mt. San Antonio College Music Department. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to everyone in our department for all you do to support the music making in the large instrumental ensemble. The students and I are very excited, and the ensemble has had a great week of rehearsals leading up to our departure. Our concert as the “showcase” ensemble is indeed a showcase for the Mt. SAC Music Department - our concert will feature significant performances by Mt. SAC Applied Faculty as soloists in collaboration with the Wind Ensemble. If you are interested in following the Mt. San Antonio College Wind Ensemble as we tour, please visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/mtsacband), there is also a direct link on the Mt. SAC Wind Ensemble Website (www.mtsacband.com). The 2016 Chicago Tour joins the list of previous Mt. SAC Wind Ensemble performances in concert halls of cultural significance (2005-Carnegie Hall, 2007-The Kennedy Center, 2008-Walt Disney Concert Hall).

In closing, I would like to again express my most sincere gratitude to everyone for your support of the students and myself as we depart for this once-in-a-lifetime performance opportunity.

Best,

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