



The **Presidio Brass** has made education and outreach our primary musical endeavor. We are committed to education through the communicative power of music, cultivating future audiences for the performing arts, and leaving a sustained musical legacy.

The Presidio Brass offers student assembly programs for elementary school through high school. A study guide and accompanying CD are available for these programs.

[The Presidio Brass Experience](#)

Day-Long Residency for Middle and High School Bands

The **Presidio Brass** Experience is an excellent way to expose students to the quality of a nationally touring brass quintet, inspiring them to promote and cultivate their own musical abilities. The Experience is a full-day residency that is comprised of a **clinic** and **rehearsal workshop** during the day, and a full **public performance** in the evening.

The rehearsal is for the students and **Presidio Brass** to practice selections that will be performed together during the evening performance. Two different bands can be featured with **Presidio Brass**, performing onstage during the public performance. The students in each band can be from a number of schools and of all proficiency levels.

The Experience begins with a **clinic** during the day that includes such topics as:

- Posture
- Breathing
- Techniques for Practicing
- Sound Production
- Musical Expression
- Q and A

The **rehearsal workshop** is typically a 45-60 minute long session for each participating band, conducted by one of the **Presidio Brass** members. It is designed specifically for the preparation of the selections that will be performed together during the evening concert. The selections to be performed on the concert are "**Pirates of the Caribbean**" for middle school bands and "**Jurassic Park**" for high school bands.

The evening **public performance** by **Presidio Brass** is **Sounds of the Cinema**, a show that brings together some of the finest classical music used in films as well as the most popular original music written specifically for the movies. The highlight of the concert comes when local students take the stage with Presidio, playing a side-by-side performance with a professional ensemble that is sure to inspire them, bring community attention to music education and be a powerful, long-lasting memory for your audience members.

"I would like to take a brief moment to mention the workshop that the Presidio Brass held at my school last month. The gentlemen in the quintet presented lively and diverse tunes for my students. The variety was quite remarkable and the artistry they demonstrated *easily* on par with any other brass quintet I have experienced. Having seen Canadian Brass twice "back in the day" and more recent experiences with the Boston Brass, as well as the US Army quintet and a few others, I feel I have been able to sample my fair share of groups.

What I most enjoyed was the personalities of the members... each had their own distinct pathway to musical life, and at no point did it feel like they were trying too hard to be quirky or "out there", they felt completely like real people, playing the music they love in the way they wanted, on instruments they love to play.

As an emerging force in the Brass music world, I would highly endorse this group for any performance/ workshop experiences that may be available in the future for PMEA or MENC. I have served as a PMEA All-state chaperone for several years, and this group would be excellent for an evening entertainment option for the All-State students. The vocal and orchestral students would certainly be entertained and engaged by these fine gentlemen."

***Joe Sensor, Director of Bands
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