

PROTECT-A-BAND PROGRAM



HELP PROTECT YOUR PERFORMING MUSIC STUDENTS FROM HEARING DAMAGE DUE TO LOUD NOISE

Did you know that 45% of young people in any musical group (band, orchestra, or choir) suffer permanent hearing loss from noise by the age of 25? Music students and their teachers are at high risk for this permanent but preventable type of hearing damage. Ear Peace: Save Your Hearing Foundation will provide band, orchestra, and chorus teachers with everything they need to teach their performing music students (in person or online!) how to protect their hearing. Ear Peace Foundation will provide teachers with a video lesson (that can be taught in a single class period) and other online teaching materials *at no charge*.

Upon completion of the classroom unit and a brief follow-up survey, **Ear Peace Foundation** will provide eligible teachers with the ability to purchase musician-filtered ear plugs for hearing protection at a <u>significant discount</u> for themselves and their students.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Music Directors must teach performing music students in Middle School or above.
- Music Directors must register for our Protect-A-Band program (sign up below).
- Music Directors must show an Ear Peace Foundation video presentation about hearing safety, complete an online post-teaching survey, and administer pre- and post-tests to their students. Testing can be scheduled in class or online, at your convenience.
- Music Directors can continue to receive discounted hearing protection for themselves and their students every year they complete the eligibility requirements.
- Music Directors are strongly encouraged to promote the use of earplugs during practices and performances.
- It is highly <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that Music Directors complete our Educator Training Program (< 90 minutes; available online) prior to teaching.

For Additional Information or to Sign Up to Participate:

Email us at: info@earpeacefoundation.org with subject line: Protect-A-Band Program, visit our website at www.earpeacefoundation.org/protect-a-band/ or register at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1369261oDnfyMUR75TxZavz4Q3A_WOsqcsWuiZQ93VJ4/edit