



# Didsbury High School Music

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The DHS Band, Symphonic Winds, perform in Spain in the Spring of 2015 under the direction of conductor Javier Pérez Garrido.

The Didsbury High School Music Program is dedicated to enabling students to achieve excellence in their musical experience in Jazz Bands, Concert Bands and various ensembles under the direction of Kirk Wassmer.

### Music Director Kirk Wassmer ...

Currently the Director of Bands at the Didsbury High School, Mr. Wassmer instructs courses in Concert Band, Jazz Band and Guitar. He came to Didsbury after teaching at G. P. Vanier Secondary School in Courtenay, BC and Revelstoke Secondary School. He is very proud to say that groups under his direction consistently receive high accolades at provincial, national and international festivals.

Mr. Wassmer received his undergraduate degree at the University of Saskatchewan and attained a Master's degree in Wind Conducting from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition to sitting on the Board of Directors for the Alberta Band Association, Mr. Wassmer is also a member of Phi Beta Mu (Mu Alpha chapter), Pi Kappa Lambda, Kappa Kappa Psi and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In the fall of 2019, Mr. Wassmer was honoured to receive the Elkhorn Award by the Alberta Band Association as Band Director of the Year.

Kirk lives in Didsbury with his wife, Colleen, and two daughters. As a family they enjoy camping, cycling, kayaking and hiking.



### Upcoming Events:

16 - Tuesday, April 11, 2017, Mountain View Gazette

**MAKING MUSIC** - The Didsbury High School ODDS jazz ensemble, under the direction of Kirk Wassmer, performs Shakey Ground during the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival 34th Annual Grand Concert and Awards at the TransCanada Theatre in Olds on April 4.

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**ALL TOGETHER NOW** - The Didsbury High School senior Evens jazz ensemble performs I Found a New Baby during the school's recent fall concert.

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Music makers - Johnny Summers, Director of the Calgary Jazz Orchestra, works with the Didsbury High jazz ensemble during the 14th annual division JazzFest event.

Photo courtesy of Chinook's Edge School Division



Evens Jazz Ensemble - 2017 Heritage Music Festival Seattle  
Photo courtesy of Lory Svendsen



Odds Jazz Ensemble - 2017 Heritage Music Festival Seattle  
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**INSTRUMENT SONG** - The Didsbury High School ODDS jazz ensemble member Nathan Rohl perform at the Olds and District Kiwanis Music Festival 34th annual Grand Concert.

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