



## **MEMBERSHIP PACKET 2017**

Sonus Brass Theater is a SoundSport performance team affiliated with Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, a non-profit public benefit 501(c)3 corporation. Membership is open to all ages.

**All Members complete, sign and return the Member Information Form, Liability Release Form and the Medical Information Forms (4 pages total).**

# Sonus Brass Theater

## Member Agreement

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### Personal Release of Liability Form

I have read and understand the membership information and code of conduct provided by Sonus Brass Theater.

Participation in Sonus activities involves a measure of risk and inherently exposes participants to certain physical dangers. Sonus maintains orderly and supervised rehearsals to minimize these risks and will provide the appropriate training and alerts to all members regarding potential dangers. I understand that I participate at my own risk, and that Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps assumes no liabilities whatever.

I do hereby waive, release, absolve, and agree to hold harmless the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps (and other rehearsal facilities as needed), the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants, and people transporting me to or from activities, from any claim arising out of an injury.

### Media Release

The signing of this form, allows Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound to use any or all media content (such as photographic images and video or audio recordings) of the member listed below and releases Shenandoah Sound from any liability that may result from such use. Such media content may be modified, published, and distributed without further release via any means deemed appropriate by Shenandoah Sound.

Media content may be created during any Sonus Brass Theater sponsored activities, including but not restricted to performances, rehearsals, and social events. NOTE: Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound cannot restrict current membership, guests, or bystanders from filming or recording our activities at public venues, however, Corps directors reserve the right to restrict generation of media during private rehearsals.

Furthermore, these rights may be assigned or extended by Shenandoah Sound to other organizations or rehearsal and performance venues. These include, but are not restricted to, DCI and Prince William County Schools.

Members acknowledge that Shenandoah Sound/Sonus United involves performances at public venues and that appearances at such venues constitutes acceptance of, and release to those venues, usage of media related to that particular performance by related organizations.

Rights of individuals to generate media content may be further restricted by organizations or venues that host rehearsals, performances, or other Shenandoah Sound/Sonus United sponsored activities.

I hereby irrevocably authorize Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound to copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute any and all such images and audio of me. This includes any composite or other artistic forms and media wherein I appear. I understand that such media is to be used for purposes of publicizing group activities or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness appears. I agree that any such use is permitted without compensation, monetary or otherwise.

**Furthermore, member affirms that they are not restricted by any existing contract or obligation from appearing or performing with Sonus Brass Theater/ Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps.**

I have read and fully understand the contents of this Agreement and/or have had the contents fully explained to my satisfaction

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- I certify that I do not owe any other Drum Corps Organization any money, nor am I in possession of any equipment, uniform, or other item that I am obligated to return.
- I will make every attempt to be at all rehearsals and performances. Attendance is required for Sonus to achieve its goal of excellence. All personal time (such as vacations) should be scheduled to avoid conflicts with rehearsals and performances.
- In the event of any absence, I agree to notify my section leader/ staff member well in advance.
- I acknowledge that I may hold possession of group equipment and will return such equipment upon demand. Other than damage or wear and tear that occurs while using that equipment under group supervision, I assume personal liability for the condition of this equipment.
- I have reviewed the Sonus Brass Theater complete rehearsal and performance schedule with my parents and we don't foresee conflicts that will require me to miss rehearsals and performances.
- Both I and my parents have read through the membership packet and understand the commitment of membership in Sonus Brass Theater.

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian and date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If member is under 18 years of age)

# **Sonus Brass Theater**

## **2017 Medical Information and Release Form**

This information is to be used in strict confidence until such time the Director or designated staff member deems it necessary to inform the supervising adults.

While Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps strive to make this a safe activity, please be aware that there is an element of risk involved to the participant. All members participate at their own risk. So that we can be of assistance if the need arises, please complete the following to the best of your knowledge.

### **Member Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Emergency Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Personal Physician**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Insurance Information**

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach a photocopy of your insurance card to this form.**

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**Pertinent Medical History**

List only those conditions that affect or may be affected by your participation in Corps activities. Use the back of this form if necessary.

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Medical Release:** This release will authorize medical doctors and/or emergency room treatment of the above named Corps member while under the supervision of the Corps Director or his designee(s) of the Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. Listed above are any known medical problems, medications to be used/not used or special treatments this Corps member is presently under which could occur while with the corps.

**Note:** Sonus Brass Theater/Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps is not responsible for medical expenses incurred by or for members.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required if member is under age 18)

# Sonus Brass Theater

## General Information

Mailing Address: Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc.  
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Social Media: [www.Facebook.com/DCISonus](http://www.Facebook.com/DCISonus)  
Twitter @SoundDrumCorps

Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization and as such, the IRS has determined that contributions are tax deductible under section 509(a)2.

Tax ID: 54-1626523

Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc. is dedicated to education in music, marching, and Drum and Bugle Corps performing in Virginia and across North America.

## Membership

- Membership is open to any interested persons who subscribe to the purpose and objectives of the organization without regard to race, creed, gender, religion, political affiliation, age, or physical hardship.
- Parents of underage members are encouraged to actively participate in the organization.
- Audition requirements may be instituted at the discretion of any caption head for position placement in the sections to best meet the needs of the corps and the abilities of the performer.
- Prior experience is not a requirement; however, the group is limited in its ability to train individuals with none.
- All positions are open at the beginning of each season.
- Each member must comply with the membership code of conduct and meet any applicable deadlines for Membership Fees.
- Each member is encouraged to maintain an e-mail account through which organization information and time-critical notifications can be disseminated.

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**We will utilize e-mail and the Corps Data website as the primary methods to alert the membership of changes to the schedule.**

- Each member must have no outstanding financial obligations with Sonus or any other drum corps organization. Any prior financial obligations must be paid in full before a member will be considered for continued membership.
- Each member must ANNUALLY supply the group with completed membership application and a medical/travel release. Changes to medical information must be kept up-to-date throughout the performance season.
- Members age 14 to 21 are eligible to register as a member of BSA Venture Crew 1196. Membership in the Venture Crew will provide leadership opportunities and a venturing opportunity for current boy scouts. Additional health and liability insurance are also included.
- Each member must possess the ability and desire to attend each scheduled rehearsal, official performances and unofficial performances/fundraising events. Lack of attendance at rehearsals may disqualify individuals from participating in performances.
- Individuals are expected to practice on their own beyond scheduled rehearsals.

### **Equipment:**

Any and all equipment provided by Sonus Brass Theater is the property of Shenandoah Sound. This includes, but is not limited to, brass, percussion, and guard equipment. It is the members' responsibility to keep all property in presentable and working condition. Issues regarding functionality of any equipment should be brought to the attention of a section leader, instructor, or director.

All equipment is to be signed out and returned on demand.

Individuals who wish to purchase and/or march with their own equipment must get permission from the Director. Use of individual equipment does not impart any liability to the group for any wear and tear or accidental damage. See Equipment Release form included in this packet.

Percussionists are to provide their own sticks; larger mallets, etc., will be provided. Percussion instruments may **not** be taken home by members.

# Sonus Brass Theater

## Code of Conduct

It is the desire of Sonus Brass Theater to promote a positive learning and social experience. The group has a reputation of professionalism which all members are expected to uphold. Any conduct that discredits the group may result in the dismissal of the offender or offenders. Each member is responsible for his/her own behavior. The organization will not be held liable or responsible for the inappropriate behavior of any of its members, staff, or volunteers. The director shall be the final arbiter in all matters relating to conduct. The following constitutes a general code of conduct which applies to all members, staff, and volunteers.

- Any illegal activity, e.g. use of illegal substances, is prohibited.
- Local rules relating to the use of a rehearsal or performance facility apply to all members, volunteers, and staff. Follow all facility rules, stay within assigned areas, and do not touch facility property without permission. It is important that we leave each facility orderly and cleaner than we find it.
- Handle all equipment and uniforms with extreme care. You are completely responsible for all equipment issued to you.
- Do not act in any manner that would be detrimental to the image or reputation of Sonus Brass Theater and Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps. This provision includes behavior or statements in any medium. Do not share group policies, practices, or complaints with people outside the group. If you have a concern, speak with a member of the staff or administration. Your comments reflect on the entire group.
- Members will be on-time and present for all rehearsals and performances. If you know you will be late or absent, you are expected to notify your section leader, drum major, and/or staff member in advance.
- All members, staff, and volunteers will act with the highest degree of professionalism and treat others with the utmost respect at all times. Conduct deemed detrimental to others may result in dismissal from the group.
- Romantic or sexual involvement between any adult member and any person under the age of 18 is unacceptable.

Members are expected to exhibit the following:

- **DESIRE**
- **ENTHUSIASM**
- **TEAMWORK**
- **TIMELINESS**
- **PROFESSIONALISM**



# Sonus Brass Theater

## Schedule of Fees

Please keep in mind, Sonus Brass Theater does not want money to deter your involvement. Let the director know of any potential problems with our fees so that an alternative can be worked out.

### Annual Membership Fees:

For the 2017 season, this non-refundable fee is **\$500** for **all members**.

If you are able to pay the full amount or more than indicated for each due date, even better. Costs are front-loaded during the season as we pay for music, rehearsal space, staff, travel costs, etc.

**All membership fees are subject to change and are NON-Refundable.**

Non-performing members are not required to pay membership or uniform fees. Travel expenses, however, are not currently covered by the group. Travel expenses include, but are not limited to, transportation, lodging, and meals.

You can pay your fees in a variety of methods: online through PayPal online via the Sonus Brass Theater Website ([www.sonusbrasstheater.org](http://www.sonusbrasstheater.org)) or by cash or a check (made out to the Shenandoah Sound Drum and Bugle Corps, Inc.) given or mailed to the Business Manager:

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