

On October 16, 15 students attended the University of Tampa's wind and jazz ensemble concert.

The event took place at the Falk Theatre and was open to the general public.

Before the show started, Dr. Brandon McDannald, a music professor at the University of Tampa, took time to explain to the students what they were to expect throughout the night.

"You're going to hear a little bit of everything tonight. We've got everything from stuff that's based on ancient chant," McDannald said. "So we're talking about newer music that's from the '60s and up, that was based on original Gregorian chant type themes. You're going to hear a jazz band later this evening as well."

McDannald is in his second year teaching at the University of Tampa.

"I have been directing band and teaching music since 2004. I started in a little town called Holden, Missouri," McDannald said.

Music department students were expected to attend and set up the event as part of their grade. One of these stagehands included freshman Amanda Cohen.

"It's required to take, but at the same time, it's a great thing you want to know. When you want to pursue music, you want to be ready, to know how to prepare in case something messes up. You always want to be reliable no matter what anybody needs you to do."

Audience members in attendance included roommates of those performing in the show, as well as alumni of the program. One of these alums was Brittany Anderson, a recent graduate of the program.

"It feels pretty similar to having been here. I think it's just like, I don't see these people every day like I used to. So that's the only thing that's different. I'm seeing them for the first time in like six weeks, as compared to the first time in two days," Anderson said.

The concert marked the first of six performances for the department this semester. Those interested in upcoming performances are encouraged to log on to the Music department's website at [www.ut.edu/music](http://www.ut.edu/music).