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Community Music Groups Working Together

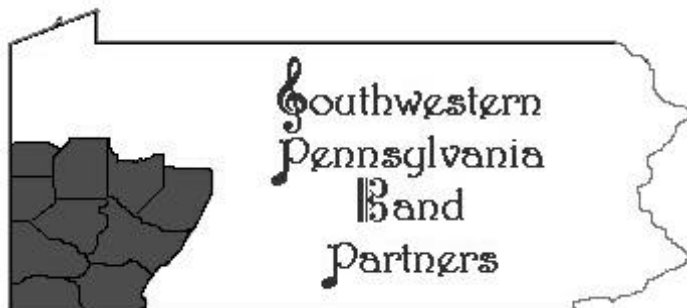
A Newsletter of Southwestern Pennsylvania Band Partners

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In 2002 members of 4 community bands in the Pittsburgh area (East Winds Symphonic Band, Community Band South, North Suburban Symphonic



Band, and West Hills Symphonic Band) got together to discuss having the Three Rivers Community Band Festival. As the bands continued their col-

laboration over time, some members of the festival committee wanted to expand beyond these four bands and form a community band network to connect community bands in the region.

A first step toward this was the creation of a combined calendar of events of bands in the region initially hosted by the East Winds Symphonic band at <http://www.ewsb.org/calendar.html>. From there we have formed Southwestern PA Band Partners (<http://swpabandpartners.pghfree.net>) and this newsletter ("In Concert: Community Music Groups Working Together").

The goals of Southwestern Pennsylvania Band Partners (SWPABP) is to promote community instrumental music in the southwestern Pennsylvania region (Armstrong, Allegheny, Butler, Beaver, Fayette, Green, Lawrence, Indiana, Washington, Westmoreland Counties). We want to be a resource for the musical groups and their musicians and the general public. We would like to promote and facilitate joint ventures between groups.

The website will maintain the calendar of events as well as a list of links of bands in the area, granting agencies, and other links that may be useful to the groups and musicians. It is our hope that this newsletter and will enable groups to share ideas.

Each upcoming newsletter will highlight the history of a regional band. We also hope to have articles about concert series and music history and just about anything else that a community band or musician may find interesting. Anyone is able to contribute to the newsletter. Please email newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net with your articles.

This newsletter may also be a place for surveys of musicians and bands. We want this newsletter to grow over time and are always looking for suggestions.

In our initial efforts in forming this group, we looked for bands online and through word of mouth. Many were sent emails based on contact information that was found, although some of this was probably out of date. If we missed you we are sorry. Please contact us or if anyone knows of groups in the area that are not listed on the website—please pass their information along to us.

Feel free to print and distribute this newsletter to other musicians or point them to it online!

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Southwestern PA Community Bands

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Allegheny Brass Band

<http://www.alleghenybrassband.com/>
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Armstrong Concert Band

<http://www.geocities.com/armconband>
Dennis F. Cramer - Music Director

Blairsville Community Concert Band

http://www.trimtree.com/family_f/BCCB.html
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Community Band South

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Dean Streator, Co-Director
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412.833.6110

Delmont Concert Band

Lois Snyder, Director
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724-327-3954

East Winds Symphonic Band

<http://www.ewsb.org>
Susan Sands, Conductor
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Edgewood Symphony

<http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org>
Walter Morales, Music Director:
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412-823-6605

Greater Monogahela Area Community Band

Rich Pantaleo, Conductor
724-258-7941 or 724-348-7154

Harmony-Zelienople Community Band

111 American School Rd. Harmony, PA 16037
Susan L. VanArsdale
suevanars@zoominternet.net
724-368-8798

Jeannette Community Band

<http://www.jcbweb.com/>
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Mr. Ron Stemple, Conductor
Mrs. Maria Brecht, Conductor
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The Musicians Concert Band

<http://www.tmcband.com/>
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724-234-2202
Lew Kroner, Associate Conductor

North Suburban Symphonic Band

<http://www.nssband.org/>
Carl T. Iezzi, Conductor
nssband@yahoo.com

Post 47 Veterans of Foreign Wars Band of Uniontown

Frank Ricco, Director
Pete Porrecca, Commander
724-437-2687 or 724-437-2251 (VFW)

Scottdale Concert Band

<http://www.scottdaleband.com>
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Jay Copenhaver, Contact person
trptman@gmail.com
724-887-4425

Tri County Band

John W. McCreight
jwmcc@hotmail.com
724.263.2599

West Hills Symphonic Band

<http://www.whsb.org/>
Tony Dilanni, Conductor
Tony Banks, President
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To be added to the online directory, send email to
newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net



Combined Calendar of Events

As of October 14, 2005

Month	Date	Time	Performer	Location
October 2005	Sat, 15	7:30pm	Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	East Allegheny High School
	Sun, 16	3pm	Aeolian Winds of Pittsburgh	Sanctuary Concert Series, First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh
	Sun, 16	4pm	Delmont Concert Band	Fort Ligonier Days, Ligonier
	Sat, 22	8pm	Allegheny Brass Band	Ingomar Methodist Church
	Sat, 22	7:30pm	Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	Upper St Clair High School
	Sun, 23	2pm	Delmont Concert Band	Arts & Apple Festival, Delmont
	Sat 29	8pm	East Winds Symphonic Band	Rodef Shalom Congregation, Shadyside
	Sat, 29	7pm	North Pittsburgh Philharmonic	North Hills Jr. High School Auditorium
	Sun, 30	7:30pm	North Suburban Symphonic Band	Ross Elementary School, North Hills
November 2005	Sun, 6	7:30pm	Jeannette Community Band	Jeannette American Legion
	Mon, 7	7pm	Blairsville Community Concert Band	Blairsville High School Auditorium
	Sun, 13	2pm	Aeolian Winds of Pittsburgh	Carnegie Library, Oakland
	Tue, 15	7:30pm	Greater Monogahela Area Community Band	Finley Middle School, Finleyville
	Sun, 27	3pm	Armstrong Concert Band	Worthington West Franklin Civic Center, Worthington, PA
December 2005	Sat, 3	8pm	Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	First Presbyterian Church of Edgewood
	Sun, 4	7pm	Allegheny Brass Band	Christ Church at Grove Farm, North Hills
	Sun, 4	6pm	Delmont Concert Band	Faith Methodist Church, Delmont
	Sun, 4	4pm	The Musicians Concert Band	Miller Auditorium, Slippery Rock Univeristy
	Thu, 8	7pm	Delmont Concert Band	Redstone Highlands, North Huntingdon
	Fri, 9	7:30	Delmont Concert Band	Women's Club, Linton Middle School, Penn Hills
	Sat, 10	3pm	East Winds Symphonic Band	Carnegie Library, Homestead
	Sat 10	4pm	Community Band South	St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Brookline
	Sat, 10	7pm	North Pittsburgh Philharmonic	North Hills Jr. High School Auditorium
	Sun, 11	6pm	Delmont Concert Band	Faith Methodist Church, Delmont
	Thu, 15?	7pm	Delmont Concert Band	Redstone Highlands, Greensburg
	Sat, 17	7:30pm	Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	Upper St Clair High School
	Sun, 18	7:30pm	Jeannette Community Band	Jeannette American Legion
Sun, 18	3pm	North Suburban Symphonic Band	Ross Elementary School, North Hills	

Please visit <http://swpabandpartners.pghfree.net/calendar.html> for updates
 Email calendar@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net to have concerts added



Cultural Funding Opportunities for the Arts

Several area agencies offer grants to community based arts groups. Below is some contact information some of the groups. Additional funding opportunities can be found on the links page of the website. This will be continually updated as we become aware of other opportunities. The Pennsylvania Council on the arts has regranting partners that can be found for groups of counties from the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts website.

- Allegheny Regional Asset District - <http://www.radworkshere.org/>
- Carnegie Library Foundation Center - <http://www.carnegielibrary.org/locations/foundationcenter/>
- Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council - <http://pittsburghartscouncil.org/>
- Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance - <http://www.praa.net/>
- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts - <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/>
- Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts - <http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/pca.cfm?id=6&level=Third>

Association of Concert Bands

The Association of Concert Bands (ACB) (<http://www.acbands.org>) is a national organization dedicated to encouraging and fostering adult community, municipal and civic bands. They publish a National Band Directory as well as an ACB Membership Directory. In addition to these, they have other resources available at their website; including the Band Builders Manual that has information on creating and funding bands.

It is a group where membership has its privileges. They have several different types of memberships—individual, family, life, organizational, and corporate. There are two types of organizational memberships. One is the basic membership, and the other comes with the BMI/ASCAP Blanket licensing agreement. The latter keeps community bands legal with performance fees. All types of memberships come with a subscription to *ADVANCE* magazine, voting privileges, and participation in the annual convention and convention band. There are other privileges as well depending on the membership level. The *ADVANCE* is published three times a year. It includes articles about community bands from across the country; festivals, concerts, band camps, reviews of music and CDs and other topics that would be of interest to a community band musician.

The 2006 Annual Convention is being held “close to home” in Williamsport. This is a national , annual event that moves around the country. At the convention members from all walks of life gather share experiences and views on music. There are seminars on various topics of musical interest from music history to health problems that affect musicians to discussions of pieces of music. There are concerts from various community bands as well as the convention band that is open to all ACB members. This group is conducted by a well-known conductor brought in for the occasion. The 2006 convention will be held May 3-7 at the Genetti Hotel and The Scottish Rite Concert Hall. The host band is the Repasz Band of Williamsport (<http://www.lycoming.org/repszband>). More information about the convention can be found at the Association of Concert Band’s web site.



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Southwestern Pennsylvania Band Partners is dedicated to helping community music groups in the southwestern Pennsylvania Region.

Please visit us online at the address below to learn more or become involved.

<http://swpabandpartners.pghfree.net>

To be on our mailing list send email to swpabandpartners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Regional Band Websites

Aeolian Winds

<http://www.aeolianwinds.com/>

Allegheny Brass Band

<http://www.alleghenybrassband.com/>

Armstrong Concert Band

<http://www.geocities.com/armconband>

Blairsville Community Concert Band

http://www.trimtree.com/family_f/BCCB.html

Butler County Symphony

<http://www.butlerarts.org/symphony/>

Community Band South

<http://cbs.pghfree.net/>

East Winds Symphonic Band

<http://www.ewsb.org/>

Edgewood Symphony

<http://www.edgewoodsymphony.org>

Harrisville Community Band

<http://www.harrisvilleband.com/>

Jeannette Community Band

<http://www.jcbweb.com/>

Kiski Valley Community Band

<http://welcome.to/kvcb>

Kittanning Firemen's Band

<http://www.kfband.com/>

Musicians Concert Band

<http://www.tmcband.com/default.htm>

North Pittsburgh Philharmonic

<http://www.northpghphilharmonic.org>

North Suburban Symphonic Band

<http://www.nssband.org/>

Ohio Valley Community Band

<http://www.geocities.com/ovcband>

Pine Creek Community Band

<http://www.pinecreekband.com/>

Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra

<http://www.artsnet.org/pco/>

Resurrection Band

<http://www.boro.zelienople.pa.us/band.htm>

Scottdale Concert Band

<http://www.scottdaleband.com/>

Washington Symphonic Orchestra

<http://www.washsym.org/>

West Hills Symphonic Band

<http://www.whsb.org/>

Westmoreland Symphonic Winds

<http://www.wswinds.org/>

Contributing to the newsletter

Everyone is welcome to contribute an article to the newsletter. The topic is up to you—something you think your fellow musicians would be interested in. Just email your article to: newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net

For additions to the website email:
info@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net

In the next newsletter

In our next newsletter due out in early January you will find:

- A profile the West Hills Symphonic Band

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