



# IN CONCERT

Community Music Groups Working Together

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## Harmony-Zelienople Community Band

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The Harmony-Zelienople Community Band started in 1999 with 22 members. The band was formed by Sue VanArsdale, a band director in the Seneca Valley School District, to provide musically inactive adults an opportunity to resume playing in a comfortable environment. One unique thing about this community band is that junior-high age (and older) children of adult members are invited to play with the group, to encourage family musical activities. Currently there are about 100 band members ranging in age from 11 years old to "long-retired" and representing a wide spectrum of occupations and interests.

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The Band rehearses for about 10 weeks beginning in late January and presents a single concert in April. This short "season" enables many members to participate -- the limited time commitment for the band fits nicely into busy personal and professional schedules. There is no membership fee to participate in the band and the annual concert is free to the public. The band is funded by generous donations from the concert audience.

Concert selections range from popular and traditional tunes through light classical music. Each year a local performing group or soloist joins the band for programming variety, and two Seneca Valley High School seniors have worked with the band as part of their required Senior Project.

The Band participated in the 2006 Three Rivers Community Band Festival and will present the National Anthem at PNC Park this coming June, their second appearance at a Pirates game.

Concert details, contact information, and more about the band can be found at the band's website, [www.hzcb.org](http://www.hzcb.org).

<p><b>SPRING CONCERT:</b>          THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. SENECA VALLEY INTERMEDIATE          HIGH SCHOOL, HARMONY, PA</p>
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## Southwestern PA Community Bands—updates from last issue

There are no new additions at this time. If you know of any bands in our region that are not in the online directory, please let them know about us.

- See the complete list of Southwestern PA Community Bands at: <http://swpabandpartners.pghfree.net/bands.html>
- To be added to the online directory, send email to [newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net](mailto:newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net)

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## Places to find music

There comes a time when groups want to update their music library or add a piece or two. Sometimes it is not clear where to start. A good starting place on specific pieces comes from the concert announcements with complete program that many bands list on the Community Music list (<http://launch.groups.yahoo.com/group/c-m/>) as well as discussions with other band directors. The program listings allow others to see what music is being performed by similar groups across the country and become aware of new and old works from the concert band repertoire. Once you know what music you want to get, then what? From time to time there are suggestions about this too on the CM list - from borrowing music (a missing part or full score, out of print music) to specific publishers. Below are some examples from the Community Music list as well as some others that we have come across for obtaining music. This is clearly not a complete list of options (nor is it intended to be), but a few examples in the different areas where music can be obtained. We are not endorsing any of these over any other, we are just providing information and some starting places for you to use as you wish.

### Borrowing and free music

One way to go about reducing the expense of purchasing music is to borrow from another group or lending library. Ask your fellow band directors listed in the SWPABP directory if they have and are willing to lend a specific piece. There are also some lending libraries that can be found online.

**Arkansas Valley Wind & Percussion Ensemble, Inc.** <http://www.lending-library.com/>

*From their website:* "Our UNIQUE Online Sheet Music Lending Library offers you thousands of arrangements and titles for ALL of your music needs. We created this library to help other community band and choir programs, churches, universities, community colleges, educators and individuals find all kinds of music without having to buy it."

**BandMusic PDF Library** <http://www.bandmusicpdf.org/>

Music that has expired copyrights are available to be downloaded and printed. *From their website:* "The BandMusic PDF Library contains musical gems from the time of Gilmore, Sousa, Pryor, Liberati, Goldman, Reeves and other professional bands that were wildly popular in their day."

### Stores

**Johnstonbaugh's** <https://www.johnstonbaughs.com/>

Stop into one of the stores or browse their new online catalog as it is completed.

**Volkwein's** <http://www.volkweins.com/>

Go to their stores and browse the tables and file cabinets in the Band Music Section



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### **Online Retailers**

There are many online retailers. A look at the different online retailers that the publishing company's sell their music through will keep you busy. Below we provide information on some of the online retailers.

**J.W. Pepper**    <http://www.jwpepper.com>

Considered the "World largest Sheet Music Retailer" they are often the first place people suggest to look for music for concert band. Their online catalog is broken down into different genres to make searching a little easier.

**Manhattan Beach Music**    <http://www.manhattanbeachmusic.com/>

Music is arranged by grade.

**Sheet Music Plus**    <http://www.sheetmusicplus.com/>

Here you can search concert band music directly or by composer on genre. In the concert band section you can search by grade, band, or arranger.

### **Publishers**

Many publishers have their own websites which you can purchase music directly or they will direct you to an authorized dealer either online or store in your region. Here are two examples.

**Hal Leonard**    <http://www.halleonard.com/>

Considered the "world's largest music print publisher", at their website you can search through new publications by year starting with "online edition of the 2001-2002 Hal Leonard Concert Band & Jazz Ensemble Promotion". You can then search via category and grade level. They will direct you to online retailers and local music stores for purchase.

**Neil A. Kjos**    <http://www.kjos.com/>

Here you can search band music by grade and will be presented with a list of titles. To purchase music you are directed to online retailers and local music stores.

### **Composers**

Many composers have their own website which will direct you to the publishers or retailers where you can purchase their work. So if you have a favorite composer whose music you would like to play or see if they have a new work, try starting with a Google search on the composer and see if they have a web site.

Are there any new pieces your group has played that think others would be interested in? Please let us know and we will start including the names of the pieces in this quarterly newsletter. A brief description of the piece would be helpful. Please email [newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net](mailto:newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net) with the subject "Music Suggestion for Newsletter"

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## Combined Calendar of Events for Spring 2007

As of March 16, 2007

<b>April 2007</b>	Sun, 1	11am	Aeolian Winds of Pittsburgh	First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh
	Thu, 12	7:30pm	Harmony-Zelienople Community Band	Seneca Valley Intermediate School, Harmony
	Sun, 15	4pm	West Hills Symphonic Band	Robert Morris University
	Sat, 28	8pm	Westmoreland Symphonic Winds	Cecilian Hall, Seton Hill University
	Sun, 29		Kiski Valley Community Band	Casino Theatre
<b>May 2007</b>	Sun, 6	2:30pm	Three Rivers Community Band Festival	Upper St. Clair High School Theatre
	Sat, 12	7:30pm	Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	Upper St Clair High School Theatre
	Sat, 12	7:30pm	Allegheny Brass Band	First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sharpsburg
	Sat, 19	7:30pm	Edgewood Symphony Orchestra	East Allegheny High School ( North Versailles)
	Sun, 20	3pm	North Suburban Symphonic Band	The Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center
	Sun, 20	3pm	Community Band South	Bower Hill Apartments, Mt. Lebanon
	Sun, 27	7pm	Armstrong Concert Band	Dayton Glade Run Presbyterian Church
<b>June 2007</b>	Fri, 1	7:30pm	Community Band South	Peters Creek Presbyterian Church, Venetia
	Fri, 15	8pm	The Musicians Concert Band	Miller Auditorium, Slippery Rock University
	Sun, 24	6pm	Community Band South	Wallace Presbyterian Church, Greentree
	Tue, 26		West Hills Symphonic Band	Hopewell
	Thu, 28	8pm	The Musicians Concert Band	Miller Auditorium, Slippery Rock University

Please visit <http://swpabandpartners.pghfree.net/calendar.html> for updates

Email [calendar@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net](mailto:calendar@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net) to have concerts added



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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](mailto:swpabandpartners-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### **Regional Band Web sites**

#### **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.bccb.com>

#### **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>

#### **Harmony-Zelienople Community Band**

<http://www.hzcb.org>

#### **Harrisville Community Band**

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

#### **Jeannette Community Band**

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

#### **Kiski Valley Community Band**

<http://www.kvcb.net>

#### **Kittanning Firemen's Band**

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

#### **Musicians Concert Band**

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

#### **North Pittsburgh Philharmonic**

<http://www.northpghphilharmonic.org>

#### **North Suburban Symphonic Band**

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

#### **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/>

#### **Somerset County Community Band**

<http://www.somersetcounty.com/band>

#### **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](mailto:newsletter@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net)

For additions to the web site email:

[info@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net](mailto:info@swpabandpartners.pghfree.net)

## In the next newsletter

- Profile of The Musicians Concert Band
- History of Concerts on the Diamond in Ligonier

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- Send us information on new music—see the end of the article of music sources.

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