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Welcome To the Cortland Community Band



Making Music Since 1983

History

In 1983 the Cortland Community Concert Band was founded by Roger Harned, a music teacher at Maplewood High School at the time, and Jim Woofter. Since then musicians of all ages have been a part of the band. The youngest members are in their teens while the oldest members are in their 80s. Except for a few members who are professional musicians, the other players come from many walks of life. The members come from all over northeast Ohio. We invite anyone who has played an instrument to join us. There are no auditions.

Organization

The band is organized into a not-for-profit 501(3)(c) with a 11 member Administrative Board. The Board assists the Music Director in planning and organizing all band-related activities.



Music Director

Craig Wiencek has been the director for close to 20 years. He has been involved in music since his elementary school days and is a graduate of Dana School of Music.

Typical Schedule

Concert Seasons: The band has 2 primary seasons, summer concerts and Christmas concerts. The summer concerts typically go from early June to the first week of August. The Christmas concerts are in December and generally end with a concert in the Eastwood Mall just before Christmas.

Rehearsals: The band rehearses every Wednesday night at the Lakeview Middle School Band Room in Cortland. The rehearsal starts at 7 and ends at 9 PM. There are no rehearsals during the two concert seasons.

Concert Dress

In order to have a professional appearance, the band requests the members adhere to a reasonable dress code. For winter concerts, a white shirt and dark pants are recommended. For summer concerts, either dark long pants or shorts are suitable.

The band does offer a Cortland Community Band white shirt with an emblem. This is not required. The shirt can be purchased through band member Rob Pasha at 330-876-8642.

Music Folder

Generally there is a music folder for each member. Occasionally folders may need to be shared. The band member is responsible for the folder. At the end of each concert season, the folder must be returned to the Librarian. The band provides a container for the folders at all rehearsals and concerts. The folder must be available at each concert and rehearsal.