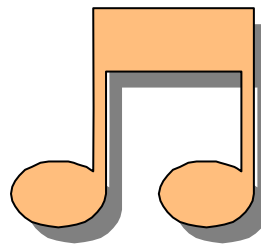


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"Perfection in music is elusive, but excellence is attainable and sustainable."

WCC/YCB AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

This past Monday, after consultation with YCB leaders, Washtenaw Community College released this announcement to the WCC community and to major local traditional media outlets.

Ypsilanti Concert Band & WCC Team Up

This fall, the Ypsilanti Community Band will partner with WCC to provide a new opportunity for WCC students who are passionate about musical performance. YCB and WCC are pleased to introduce the Washtenaw Community Concert Band.

Through this new collaboration, the 75-member Ypsilanti Community Band gains a ready source of new musicians and WCC students enjoy access to experienced performers and venues in which to showcase their talent.

"This new agreement revives a relationship WCC and YCB have had in the past," said Bill Abernethy, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences. "The band currently performs three or four community concerts a year on campus. The College also is developing a two-credit course to introduce student musicians to the large concert band format. WCC students don't have to

take the course to participate in the band, but I'm sure they will find it helpful."

The Ypsilanti Community Band will retain its identity and legal structure as a Michigan non-profit, and it will continue to rehearse and store equipment at Whitmore Lake High School. Solo performances by band members and guest artists from Eastern Michigan University and the University of Michigan also will be featured, and during the summer months, the new concert band will perform in outdoor venues around the Ypsilanti area as it has in past years.

"Many of the best community bands in the country and in Michigan have a formal affiliation with their local-area community college," said Jerry Robbins, YCB's conductor since 1998. "We are delighted to have the opportunity to work together with WCC in this way to create a new, larger, and better concert band."

For more information on the new Washtenaw Community Concert Band, call 734-252-9221, e-mail ypsicommband@gmail.com or visit www.ypsicommband.org

NEW MEMBER

At last Tuesday's rehearsal, we welcomed as a new member Becky Simon, a UM graduate student, into the clarinet section.

BAND BOARD MEETING

The YCB Board met last Monday night in the Community Conference Room in the Morris Lawrence Building at WCC. Minutes of meetings may be found on the "About Us" page of the YCB web site. These are informal notes made during the meeting. Several band member guests were present for the meeting in addition to most Board members and staff members Jerry Robbins and Paul Vaughan.

YCB's application to perform as part of the "Top of the Park" (Ann Arbor Summer Festival) series this coming summer was rejected. The Board authorized the Property Committee to purchase a 40" gong for no more than \$1500.

Discussions (but no action taken) were held on such topics as YCB's vision statement and Five- and One-Year Plans, certain financial management topics, "roll out" of the WCC project, search for the next conductor, and April's Board elections.

A treasurer's report was received. Of projected general fund income of approximately \$25,000, almost \$19,000 has been received to date with approximately \$21,500 expected before the end of the fiscal year. However, approved expenditures of approximately \$23,000 from the general fund have resulted in less than \$12,000 in expenditures to date.

Reports were received from the president, the conductor, and the business manager. Additional reports were received from the Personnel and Property committees.

The Board authorized the conductor to seek another nationally prominent soloist. Preferably a woodwind player, this would be for one of the spring 2011 concerts.

CALENDAR

The Board received from the business manager a proposed calendar for the months ahead.

Highlights (to conclude the current season) include the Ensemble Concert (March 21, 2010) at WCC, a joint concert with the Whitmore Lake High School band (April 27, 2010) at WLHS, a joint concert with the Novi Concert Band (May 2, 2010) at the Novi Civic Center, and a concert (May 27, 2010) in Towsley Auditorium,

For the following season, the calendar includes a YCB Pep Band performance (June 6, 2010) for the Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, an outdoor concert (June 24, 2010) in the WCC Community Park, a performance in connection with the fireworks show (July 1, 2010) at Ford Lake (rain date: July 2, 2010), a YCB Town Band performance (July 15, 2010) at the Manchester Chicken Broil, an outdoor concert (July 29, 2010) in the WCC Community Park, and an appearance at the UA Completion Ceremony (August 12, 2010) in the EMU Convocation Center.

Next season's indoor concerts include a concert (October 21, 2010) in Towsley Auditorium, a holiday concert (on or shortly before December 16, 2010) with YCC in Pease Auditorium, a concert (February 17, 2011) in Towsley Auditorium, a possible (if invited) appearance (February 26, 2011) at the Red Cedar Festival, and a concert (May 26, 2011) in Towsley Auditorium.

EMU Chamber Winds--March 12, Pease Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saline New Horizons Band concert--March 14, Saline United Methodist Church, 3 p.m.