

NOTES



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

REMINDERS!

Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 25 is on the stage of Towsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 7:30-9:30. With a few exceptions, we will rehearse in program order.

Report time for the concert on Thursday, May 27 is at 7:00 p.m. The dress is "black." Report on stage in Towsley Auditorium.

Remember that Band Board policy requires, unless you have a specific exception from the conductor for musical reasons, that you (a) must have attended a majority of the rehearsals between last February's concert and Tuesday night and (b) you must attend the dress rehearsal (Tuesday's rehearsal). Otherwise, according to the policy, you are not eligible to play on the concert.

Be sure to turn in music after the concert on Thursday night. Instructions for doing so will be provided by the Library Committee.

Summer begins on June 1--at least for YCB. That will be the first rehearsal of music that will be played during several summer concerts. Rehearsal will be, as

usual, at Whitmore Lake High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

The first rehearsal following each concert is YCB's traditional time for persons to change seating location and part played, if desired. On or before June 1, please consult with your section leader about your interests along those lines.

HAVE YOU SEEN?

Have you seen the article and photo about the YCB in today's <[annarbor.com](http://www.annarbor.com)> material? If not, go to <<http://www.annarbor.com/entertainment/ypsilanti-community-band-spring-concert/>>

WCC AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

WCC's new credit course, MUS 112 "Concert Band" has been approved and is listed on the college website--see link below. It will be offered for the first time this fall.

<<http://www4.wccnet.edu/academicinfo/creditsofferings/courses/course.php?course=MUS%20112&term=201005>>.

Here are links to promotional materials that have been published through WCC. Additional ways of promoting this course to WCC students will be determined

in the near future. Washtenaw Voice student newspaper:

<<http://www.washtenawvoice.com/?p=8429>>;
press release on the WCC homepage:
<<http://www.wccnet.edu/news-events/articles/view/112/>>.

OUR FIRST BIG SUCCESS OF THE WEEK!

Many, many thanks go to the 32 YCB members who performed last Saturday morning to provide the music for the WCC Commencement Ceremony in the EMU Convocation Center.

Larry Aeilts, WCC Registrar, in charge of the Commencement, said "I would like to express my appreciation to the entire band. You sounded great. All the more thanks given the short notice we gave. . . ."

Jerry Robbins added "I was extremely pleased with the quality of the music from an ensemble of this size and instrumentation. We represented the Band extremely well."

WCC provided a generous honorarium to YCB for this performance. In addition, the YCB players performed before one of our largest local audiences ever, which will be very good in the long run for publicity and for player recruitment.

NEWS FROM SOME OTHER COMMUNITY BANDS

The Ann Arbor Civic Band has 39 players signed up for its summer session, including several current and several more former YCB members.

William W. "Bill" Gourley, the conductor, welcomes players on most instru-

ments. To let him know of your interest, call him at 517-318-9306 or email him at <billg@marshallmusic.com>. The rehearsal and performance schedule is given in YCB Notes38.

The Fort Worth (TX) City Band is celebrating its 50th anniversary this spring. The Band is similar to YCB in many ways, including being completely financially independent.

When first organized, it was called the Greater Fort Worth Lions Club Band, and then it served as the Dallas Cowboys' band in the 1960's and early '70's. The Fort Worth City Council officially recognized the Band in the 1980's and the name was changed, although the Band receives no support from the City.

Members range in age from 19 to 84. The Fort Worth City Band performs about 16 times per year, largely in churches. An unusual feature of the Band is that it has a library of about 1500 titles (YCB has a bit over 500), but it owns no music stands.

The Band's senior member--the only remaining charter member--is a trombonist who was born when Calvin Coolidge was President.

Happy Anniversary, Fort Worth!

After a lapse of 25 years or so, Conway (AR) has revived a community band. Conway has about the same population as Ypsilanti Township. The first concert was performed recently with 80 players, ranging in age from 15 to 74. This new group will perform a series of summer concerts in the downtown area, with financial support from downtown merchants. The Conway Chamber of Commerce has helped with the organizing efforts. Congratulations, Conway!