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“The mission of the Lafayette Citizens Band is to provide free quality concert band performances to educate and enrich the cultural life of the Lafayette Community. The LCB is also committed to providing musicians the opportunity to perform together.”



Our Mission, By Beth Purkhiser

We mention education in our mission statement, and we take that mandate seriously. Our band includes many educators - band directors, private music instructors, and even teachers of other content areas. The band also includes students. Several accomplished high school and college students perform with us on a regular basis. And of course, each summer we invite students from every high school in the area to join us for a concert that we call, "High School Night." While we always feature a few soloists with us each summer, this past summer we initiated a new practice of inviting outstanding, teacher-recommended students to solo with us. Saxophonist, Wesley Taylor, treated us to a virtuoso performance this past July as our first student soloist. We'll continue this new tradition next summer, featuring at least one teacher-recommended soloist during our concert season.

What many people probably don't know is that we involve students behind the scenes as well. Coming on board as our first official student volunteer is Sofia Lopez from Harrison High School. Daughter of Alfred Lopez and Susan Taulia, Sofia is a high school senior who has played the alto saxophone since fifth grade, when she was a student at Happy Hollow Elementary School. She's very passionate about her music and says she loves playing in band with her best friend. Her ambition is to become a nurse. She's been a big help around the office, keeping it clean and helping us stay on top of many of the little extras that are part of running this band. We're very grateful for her help!

We also include a high school student on our board each year as our "student representative." We started this practice with the goal of gaining a younger perspective. (continued on page 4)

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A Letter from the Executive Director



I hope everybody has had an enjoyable fall and things are on track for an enjoyable winter. If you've missed our music, you have a wonderful opportunity coming up to get another taste of the LCB. Many of our musicians, our conductor, and some musician friends of the band, are participating in a fund raising "book fair" at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, December the 15th. So not only will you be supporting a great book and music store, (one of my all-time favorites!) a portion of your purchases that day will benefit the LCB, as long as you let your teller know that you would like to support us. That includes café items, so you can get a snack while you listen to the music! (Online purchases and gift cards are not eligible.) Letting the teller know you're supporting us that day is extremely important, as we won't get credit for the purchase otherwise. Thank you in advance for supporting us! This is our program for the day:

- 11:00 Double Reed Quartet – Janet Priest
- 12:00 String Quartet
- 1:00 Janet Priest's Woodwind Quintet
- 2:00 The Joy of Sax
- 3:00 The Riverboat Ramblers
- 4:00 Bill's Bones



In other news, our office is moving. We're actually just moving down the hall, so our address will be nearly the same, but we're now located at Suite 204. Our PO Box is still the same, and we'll have no problem receiving mail with the old Suite # on it, so no worries.

Also, please find our survey, included in this newsletter. We use the data from these surveys with grant proposals, so they're very important to us. And we appreciate any feedback you can provide to help us continue to improve, and to meet this community's musical needs. If you'd prefer to fill the survey out online, just use the link provided for Survey Monkey.

We thank you so much for supporting us, and look forward to seeing you next summer when the full band will be back in swing!

Sincerely,

Beth Purkhiser

Lafayette Citizens Band Board

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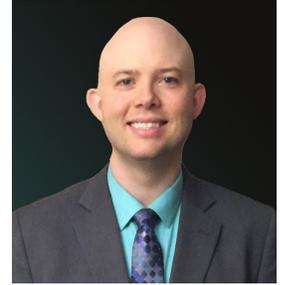
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A Letter from the Board President

Season's Greetings to Patrons of the Lafayette Citizens Band!

My name is Dan Peo, and I am serving in my first term as the President of the Lafayette Citizens Band Board of Directors. I am honored to have been chosen and look forward to continuing the great work that the Board has done over the past few years.



I am currently the Assistant Principal at Wea Ridge Middle School (which feeds into McCutcheon High School) and have also taught as the Director of Bands at McCutcheon High School (2011-2018) and Seeger High School (2007-2011). While at McCutcheon, I had the privileges of nominating students for our High School Night concert with the Lafayette Citizens Band and serving as a guest conductor for the band for several of those High School Night concerts. When we held a bicentennial celebration concert for Indiana's 200th birthday, the McCutcheon Wind Ensemble had the distinct honor of welcoming our LCB Musical Director Bill Kisinger to rehearse and guest conduct "Hoagy Carmichael in Concert," a piece by the LCB and a great selection to add to our performance as we honored Hoagy Carmichael, a Hoosier composer. Since moving to Lafayette in 2011, I have played trumpet in the Citizens Band for the last eight seasons.

Our annual donor solicitation letters should arrive within a few days of receiving this newsletter, so keep your eyes open for that. While we are celebrating our 80th year of being partially funded by the City of Lafayette (yes - this started in 1939!), we depend largely on the contributions of our patrons to fund the many things that the band does each year. We hope you will consider continuing your tradition of making a donation or that you will consider making your first tax-deductible donation to the band as we ring in the new year.

Sincerely yours,

Dan Peo

Annual Fundraising Campaign

We will be kicking off our annual fundraising campaign in December. We rely on the campaign for the majority of our support to provide concerts and keep the LCB running. Your donation is tax-deductible and we would be ever grateful for your support when you receive our fundraiser in the mail. Thank you!



These students serve for one or two years, and some go on to become regular members of our board. Our current high school representative is West Lafayette High School Senior, Richard Chang, older son of Gluo Gui Yin, and Chang Chuan Bei. Richard plays alto, tenor, and baritone saxophones, and you may have heard him perform with his group, the Red Note Jazz Combo, at a preconcert this past summer. Our quest for a young perspective really paid off with Richard when he proposed the idea of starting a young composer competition. His suggestion was quickly approved by the board, as well as our conductor, Bill Kisinger, and we are moving ahead with it this year. We are inviting Indiana college students to submit an original composition for the chance to have it premiered by the band during our next season. The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$250. We're really looking forward to hearing the submissions of young composers from around the state!

Richard does some arranging himself, and is interested in both engineering and music education. He is currently keeping his options open by pursuing both possible futures, making his senior year an extremely busy one. We wish him the best, regardless of which career path he ends up pursuing, and are confident that he has a very bright future.

Michael Eddy, oldest son of Steve and Mary Eddy, is one of our former student representatives. Michael has played clarinet for 12 years, and was our student representative from 2011-2013, his Junior and Senior years at Jefferson High School. He be-

came a full board member from 2013-2016, and he's played with the band for 8 years now. He received his BME (Bachelor of Music Education) from the IU Jacobs School of Music in 2017.

Michael started taking clarinet lessons with me when he was a sixth grader at Sunnyside Middle School. At his very first lesson, he shared with me that he wanted to become a band director like Mr. Boyd, the Sunnyside band director at the time. Of course, I am always happy when students love music and are serious about playing their instrument, but I don't necessarily bank on their following through with sixth grade ambitions. Not that I entirely dismiss them either. Not that I entirely dismiss them either –after all, I knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that I would be a musician when I was in sixth grade. Michael turned out to be like me in this respect, although his ambitions were more specific. He didn't just want to be a musician, or just a band director – he wanted to be a band director in the Lafayette School System. I thought I wanted to be a band director at first, but by the time I was a senior in high school, I had figured out that I could not face a classroom of students armed with musical instruments on a regular basis. Michael is a different story. Not only did he become a band director, he is now the assistant band director at Sunnyside Middle School. He's right back where he started – just like he wanted. We're very fortunate to have him as part of our musical community here in Lafayette, and we are grateful to have played a part in his musical development.

FIND US HERE!



Lafayette Citizens Band



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“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.”

— Confucius

PATRON SURVEY

Please consider helping us procure more grants to help continue our mission. We are a non-profit organization and solely rely on fundraising and grants. By filling out this application, we will have important data needed to apply for grants. You may take our survey ONLINE by going to our Facebook page or our webpage (lafayettcitizensband.org).

TEAR ALONG THE FOLD

1. How did you learn about the Lafayette Citizens Band?

- A Friend Newspaper Facebook
 Website Television Musical Organization/ School
 Tippecanoe Arts Federation Other: _____

2. How long have you been attending our concerts?

- 1-2 years 3-4 years 5-6 years
 7-8 years 9-10 years Other: _____

3. Do you attend any of our preconcerts?

- Yes
 No

4. How many miles do you travel to attend our concerts?

- 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8
 9-13 Other: _____

5. How many concerts do you usually attend during our season?

- 1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8 9-13 ALL

6. What mode of transportation do you use to attend the concerts?

- Walk Bike Car Bus Other: _____

7. If you drive yourself, where do you usually park?

- Street Parking Parking Lot Parking Garage Other: _____

8. Is parking problematic for you?

- Always Sometimes Never

9. Would you attend a concert if it were at a different location (say at a local school) if we could move indoors on a rainy day?

- Yes
 No
 Maybe

10. If we were to change the concert venue in inclement weather, how much notice would you need?

- 1-2 hours 2-3 hours 4-5 hours Other: _____

11. Were you aware that we have a Facebook page and a web page?

- Yes
 No

11. Were you aware that we Live Stream our concerts on our Facebook page?

- Yes
 No

Survey continued on the back

TEAR ALONG THE FOLD

Lafayette Citizens Band
216 N. 4th Street, Suite 204
Lafayette, IN 47901



13. What do you enjoy most about The Lafayette Citizens Band?

14. What could we do that would attract youth and families to attend?

15. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to answer

16. What is your age?

- Under 18 19-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 56-65
- 66-75 76-85 86+

17. What is your ethnicity?

- African-American, Black Asian/ Pacific Islander Hispanic/ Latino
- Native American or American Indian White/ Caucasian Other: _____

18. Any additional comments you would like to share with the Lafayette Citizens Band?

19. (Optional) NAME: _____

20. (Optional) E-mail Address: _____

Mark your calendar!



2019 CONCERT SEASON
OPENER MAY 27th!

@Riehle Plaza

7:30pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers to help with several jobs throughout our season and even during our off season. Do you have some free time to lend a hand? Do you have skills that may benefit our organization? Please check out some of the volunteer opportunities we have and consider joining the Lafayette Citizens Band-Aids!

- Program Folders and Stuffers (Wednesday afternoons during our season. 1-2 hour commitment)
- Set-up & Tear down (Help with chairs and stands before concert and after concert, help put things in storage. Thursdays during concert season)
- Music Library Scanner (Help scan our music to protect the library . Training provided. Time commitment is flexible.. WE HAVE LOTS OF MUSIC!)
- Water & Ice at concerts (We need someone who will go get ice and water for the Igloo Cooler before our concert. Band will pay for the ice! Commitment of less than 20 minutes.)
- There may be other needs throughout the year. Please consider joining our Facebook group for volunteers. We will post needs and updates as they arise. **FACEBOOK GROUP** [“Lafayette Citizens Band Aids”](#)

WANT TO HELP? Send us e-mail with the job or jobs you would be willing the help with.

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★ DECEMBER 15th EVENT! ★

Books and Band @ **BARNES & NOBLE**

Barnes and Noble will donate a portion of the profits to the Lafayette Citizens Band for purchases made in-store at the bookstore or café! Please consider shopping at the Lafayette Barnes and Noble on December 15th. We will have small ensembles performing in the store. Grab a friend, a book or two, a drink at the café and listen to the beautiful music.

PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 11AM! Join us!

PLEASE MENTION

“LAFAYETTE CITIZENS BAND” when purchasing so that we may get credit for your purchase.

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