

Main Street News!

Info for Community Band Festival

June 1 and 2, 2024

Dates, times and performing groups!

- * **June 1 - 2 (Saturday & Sunday)** - National Community Band Festival Weekend
George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, Fairfax, VA.

Saturday (June 1)

4:00 - Clarke County Community Band

5:15 - City of Falls Church Concert Band

6:30 - Main Street Community Band!!

7:45 - Herndon Regional Wind Ensemble

Sunday (June 2)

1:00 - The Cathedral Brass

2:15 - The Arlington Concert Band

3:30 - Fairfax Wind Symphony

4:40 - 5:45 - Gala reception in lobby following
Fairfax Wind Symphony performance!

Gala Reception - After the Fairfax Wind Symphony finishes its performance, a Gala reception will be held in the front lobby. All participants and audience members (both days!) are encouraged to join in the celebration. A Cash Bar and other offerings will be available to help bring the Festival to a friendly finish!

Saturday!

PERFORMER INFORMATION:

5:00 - Report time to Storage Room D. (This room is ours for the entire day)

5:30 - We move to the Black Box Theatre for warm-up, tuning, etc.

6:20 - Band moves to the stage! Group photos will be taken prior to our performance. Smile!

6:30 - it's Showtime!

Parking (FREE): Parking lot K, located 'across the pond' on the other side of the street from the Performing Arts Center, is FREE. It's a bit of a walk, though, so you might prefer to park in the parking garage located beside the Performing Arts Center. There are quite a few handicapped parking spaces directly in front of the Performing Arts Center as well.

"Paid, covered parking" is available in the Mason Pond Parking Deck, located beside the Center for the Arts on Mason Pond Drive. The cost to park is \$9 for most weekend events in the Concert Hall. Otherwise, the cost to park is \$5 for the first hour and \$3 per hour after that to a maximum of \$18 per day. This deck offers the closest parking and a walkway to the venue. Exit the Mason Pond Parking Deck on the 1st floor or 3rd floor. The Center for the Arts is adjacent to the parking deck, on Mason Pond Drive.

Arrival: As per GMU policy, performers need to have tickets, too. - - but they are FREE to performers. When you arrive at the GMU concert hall lobby Saturday afternoon, check in at the 'Performer Ticket Table' near the box office to pick up your free ticket. Our personnel list in the program will be used for distributing tickets to performers. These tickets are good for the entire day, and you are invited and encouraged to stay and listen to the other groups.

Once you have your ticket, move down the right hallway to the backstage entrance. (Gray doors). Access to our storage area (Dressing Room D) will be to the left, and will be ours the whole day.

Photos. Once we're seated on stage (prior to our performance), an **ensemble photo** will be taken. Candid shots may also be taken during the performance. These will be available after the event, and a link will be sent so that you'll have access to them! Afterwards, we'll have the opportunity to play, do a chorale and tune once more.

Recording - Kane Media will record our performance. Ordering information will be provided once I receive it.

Guests - As always, please invite family and friends to come to support us and enjoy an afternoon of music! Parking and ticket arrangements are the same as mentioned above.

Tickets for guests attending the Community Band Festival

Many of you have been asking how family and friends can get tickets to attend the festival. This can be done in one of two ways.

- 1) **On-line:** Type TINYURL.COM/2024NCBF into your browser and click on the link. This will take you to the page for the NCBF. Two events will be listed, one for June 1 and one for June 2. Click on June 01 and you'll be taken to the page for ordering your tickets. Each ticket will be good for the entire day. When you order on line, you'll notice that a \$4.00 transaction and delivery charge has been added to the cost of each ticket. The cost per ticket becomes: \$19 (Adult), \$16 (Senior), \$12 (Youth through Grade 12).
- 2) **Box Office (i.e. 'at the door')** at the George Mason University Center for the Arts: **You may purchase tickets at any time at the box office at the GMU Center for the Arts, including the day of the event!** These prices are WITHOUT the additional fees, therefore the cost per ticket becomes: \$15 (Adult), \$12 (Senior) and \$8 (Youth through Grade 12). Again, tickets are good for the entire day.

PLEASE NOTE that if you want to attend both days, you must purchase a ticket for each day.

Help Needed Unloading equipment on Saturday

I'm still working on this but I wanted to give you a heads up. Right now, my truck is pretty full, including the back seats, and I may have some additional items to go in there after our final rehearsal on Wednesday. I'd also like to take our Main Street sign if possible. If several folks could help unloading things at George Mason on Saturday, and then reloading them after our performance, I'd very much appreciate it. My best guess right now is having us meet at GMU at the front entrance to the GMU Performing Arts Center at 4:45 and taking things to our storage room. If you would be able to help unload and move equipment at 4:45 on Saturday, please let me know. Thank you!

Attending Performances on Sunday!

If you would like to take advantage of the opportunity to hear the bands performing on Sunday, remember that you must purchase a ticket. You may do so either on line or at the Box Office (in the lobby) on Sunday. As mentioned in this week's newsletter, it's actually less expensive if you purchase your ticket at the Box Office - \$4.00 per ticket less! At the Box Office, the cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for seniors, and \$5.00 for youth / student tickets. The tickets are good for the entire day!

If you do attend on Sunday, please plan on staying for the Gala Reception starting at 4:40!

NOTE: The Fairfax Wind Symphony, which is sponsoring this event, is celebrating its 25th anniversary during their concert on Sunday. Guest conductors will include Jeff Bianchi and the band director at GMU, and we have an amazing euphonium soloist performing! Kelly Harms, Steve Halter and I play with the FWS, and it would be amazing to have some of our Main Street Family in the audience!

Well my friends, that's all for now! We'll talk some more on Wednesday, but if you have any questions before then, please don't hesitate to call or send me an email! I hope you know how proud I am of you! This is an exciting opportunity for all of us - and I hope you have FUN! Take care of yourselves! I look forward to seeing you at our final rehearsal at Frost Middle School!

Jeff

P.S. Just a reminder that performance dress is formal. :-)

Program order

(Chorale #15 on stage)

The Singapore Flyer

Pacific Island Fantasy

An Irish Rhapsody

Rings of Saturn

Lawrence of Arabia

Caribbean Nocturne

North Bay Vistas

Rushmore

