

WEST MICHIGAN
CONCERT *Winds*

Recipients of the 2005 John Philip Sousa Foundation
Sudler Silver Scroll Award for
Excellence in Community Bands

◆ **Concert Information**

Band members generally arrive 2 hours prior to concerts to set up, warm up, and do sound checks.

Please appear in proper formal concert attire.

- ◆ **Ladies wear all black.** Black long or calf length dress, skirt and blouse, or slack suit. Long or ¾ sleeves. (No see through or lacy material, no sleeveless.) Black hosiery, conservative black shoes. Conservative jewelry, if any. Avoid perfumes and colognes.
- ◆ **Men wear tuxedo style black suit.** Black coat, slacks, shoes, socks. Absolutely no designs/stripes in the cloth. White pleated tux shirt, black bow tie, and black cummerbund should be purchased from the band, so that all are identical.

Moving equipment, chairs, and stands is a time-consuming and necessary part of preparing for a concert. *Please plan to help set-up and/or tear-down at least one concert this season to help speed this process.*

After each concert, please leave your entire folder in the folder box or be sure to be present at the next rehearsal to return music. All folders must be turned in after the last concert of the season. A \$10 charge will be levied for all folders returned more than 30 days after the final concert.

◆ **Other Information**

The SUMMER WINDS perform outdoors from June to early July. This more informal group invites intermediate players to join for several pieces. The summer uniform consists of a royal blue band shirt, khaki pants, white socks and clean, all white shoes.

An Organizational Endowment fund through the Community Foundation for Muskegon County has been established for the WINDS. The fund will provide an ongoing source of income to support the WINDS mission, while donors enjoy maximum income tax reduction for their gifts to the Fund. Contact Art Cisler at 231-894-8388, the Community Foundation at 231-722-4538, or any board member. www.cffmc.org

MEMBER HANDBOOK 2011/12 SEASON

◆ **Saturday, November 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**

WINDS and Dixie

Featuring Dixie DuJour Dixieland Band
Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts

◆ **Sunday, December 11, 2011, 4:00 p.m.**

A Chamber Music Christmas

First Congregational Church of Muskegon
Jefferson & Third Street, Downtown Muskegon

◆ **Saturday, March 3, 2012**

Bands on the Grand Festival

Sponsored by Forest Hills Community Band
Forest Hills Eastern High School, Ada, MI

◆ **Sunday, March 11, 2012, 4:00 p.m.**

Winners & WINDS

Featuring the Youth Soloist Scholarship Winners
Reeths-Puffer Rocket Centre for the Fine Arts

◆ **Sunday, May 3, 2012, 4:00 p.m.**

Nature's Music

Guest Conductor: Colonel L. Bryan Shelburne, Jr.
Reeths-Puffer Rocket Centre for the Fine Arts

wmcw.org
Gail A. Brechting
Conductor and Music Director

◆ **Welcome!**

We are happy you have chosen to share your musical talents with the West Michigan Concert WINDS. We hope you have fun making new friends and great music. Your commitment and consistency in attending rehearsals and performances is very important. Every member is important, every week.

Board members are elected to two-year terms to serve the membership of the band. Quarterly board meetings are open to all band members and are posted on the website: <http://wmcw.org/Board.htm>

Members are encouraged to bring concerns and suggestions to the director, officers or other board members at any time. If you have ideas or want to volunteer your time and talents, please contact any board member. Your participation is very valuable!

◆ **Executive Board**

President: Howard Meade	231-798-3429 H
Vice President: JoAnn Arcand	616-607-9098 H
Treasurer: Teresa Dunn	231-894-8693 H
Secretary: Kim Reynolds	231-828-4093 H
Personnel Manager: Karen Larnard	231-744-9078 H

◆ **Board Members**

Jocelin Lindell 231-747-8751, Tom Oatmen 231-780-0180,
Tracy Lee 231-670-1911, Mark Schultz 231-755-0480

◆ **Business Manager**

Randall Turgeon 231-557-3150

◆ **Conductor and Music Director**

Gail A. Brechting, 616-847-8800 H, 231-744-9280 x 2179 W,
616-502-0554 C, gbrechting@sbcglobal.net

◆ **Volunteers**

Band Aide coordinator: Karen Larnard 231-744-9078
Website & programs: Sandy Beck 231-557-6057 C, 231-767-7203 W
Endowment fund: Art Cisler 231-894-8388

◆ **Etiquette**

- Be on time and come prepared to play.
- Pay attention to the director.
- Encourage others. Be positive and helpful to fellow musicians.
- During rehearsal, keep talking to a minimum and not at all while the director is talking.
- Make sure your music gets to every rehearsal.

◆ **Rehearsal Information**

Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**
The schedule is published on the member page of the wmcw.org

Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. Band members are encouraged to arrive early to **tune and warm up** before rehearsal starts. The band room is open at 6:00 p.m. Please pitch in to set up chairs and stands if needed, and be courteous to those warming up. Please avoid traveling through the percussion set-up area. Because the group meets only once a week, a lot of music is squeezed into a short amount of time. *Please come well practiced, prepared and attentive!*

Attendance at rehearsals and performances is essential. You have committed to be a part of a musical organization that depends upon each player's presence to achieve full instrumentation, balance, and effectiveness.

- If an **absence** is absolutely necessary, call your section leader. If you cannot reach your section leader, call the MCC band room between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. Thursdays at 231-777-0278.
Section leader name _____ Phone _____
Email: _____
- *Students enrolled for college credit must report all absences to Gail Brechting at 616-847-8800.*

Attendance at dress rehearsals is required to play the concert. Important last-minute music changes are often made, so it is critical that all members are present.

The director will be available Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the MCC band room office (phone 231-777-0278).

Annual membership dues are required of all musicians. Full season dues are \$50 and partial season dues are \$30. Dues are to be paid by the end of October. Alternate methods of payments are available. (Examples: United Way payroll deduction, advertising sales and set-up/tear-down crew) College students taking band for credit are exempt from dues.

The **Members Only area** of the wmcw.org website is used to keep your contact and concert attendance information up to date. Contact JoAnn Arcand if you need assistance with your log in.