The West Michigan Concert WINDS was founded in the fall of 1979 as a volunteer organization, dedicated to performing quality instrumental music in the community. In 1986, the band, formerly known as the Muskegon Symphonic Band (until Spring 1992), formed an affiliation with Muskegon Community College. Students and members of the community have the opportunity to participate in the band for college credit, or just for recreation.

The band draws its members from much of the West Michigan area. While many members are current or former music educators, most are not, representing a wide variety of vocations and interests. The WINDS rehearse once a week at Muskegon Community College in order to develop their specific talents, prepare for performances, and share their love of music. Three or four concerts are offered at various auditoriums during the regular school year.

The WINDS have had the honor of performing at Grand Haven's Fourth of July Celebration, Muskegon's Summer Celebration, the Montague Fine Arts Summer Series, Fremont Band Shell, Muskegon McGraft Park Band Shell, the Hackley and Hume Historic Site, Muskegon Community College and Baker College's Graduation Ceremonies. In the summer of 1996 they participated in the Bournemouth Music Festival during a tour of England and Wales. The WINDS also toured Germany, Austria and Switzerland in July, 1999. Plans to participate in the Bournemouth Music Festival in 2006, with a visit to Ireland is underway.

The WINDS have performed at the Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands in Okemos, Michigan since 1997. Education is the emphasis of the Festival. Three nationally recognized clinicians critically evaluate each band's forty-minute public concert and follow up the performance with a thirty-minute clinic with one of the clinicians. Musicians and conductors alike agree that this has been a very useful tool for improving musicianship and performance techniques.

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**The West Michigan Concert WINDS**

- Florentiner March
  - Julius Fucik
- Hanover Festival
  - Philip Sparke
- William Tell Overture - Finale
  - Rossini
  - arr. Robert Longfield
- Vesuvius
  - Frank Ticheli
- Funiculi, Funicula
  - Luigi Denza
  - Arr. Alfred Reed
- Pathfinder of Panama March
  - John Philip Sousa

**INTERMISSION**

**The Lansing Concert Band**

- March from Symphonic Metamorphosis
  - Paul Hindemith
  - Transcribed for Band by K. Wilson
- Highlights from The Lion King
  - Arr. Calvin Custer
- Washington Post March
  - John Philip Sousa
  - special guest conductor Don West, WKAR auction winner

- Be Thou My Vision
  - Traditional Irish Tune
  - Arr. Travis J. Cross
- English Dances
  - Malcolm Arnold
  - Arr. M. Johnstone
- George Washington Bicentennial March
  - John Philip Sousa

**AUTUMN WINDS**

Sunday October 9, 2005 • 3:00 p.m.