

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Concert Band --- Volume 20, Number 1 --- Spring 2018



To Celebrate the 35th season the Band will present a Spring Concert April 22 at 2:00 pm

St. Francis Auditorium New Mexico Museum or Art

This hour-long performance will have free admission as is the tradition for all of the band's concerts. Free concerts by volunteer musicians was established by La Banda de Santa Fe in 1865 by Francisco Pérez.

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Band will fill the Stage at St. Francis!

At the April Concert the stage will be at maximum capacity with 66 active members including six high school students. We are proud to have the students and expect more as the season progresses. Membership has increased rapidly in the last decade and is at an all-time high, a little more than double what it was in 1984. We and other groups are grateful to Willard Chilcott who is responsible for the current dimensions of the stage.

[see page 5 for the story about Treb Clef and other contributions of Willard Chilcott]

The Ride for the Band

The Ride for the Band is set for May 20, to raise awareness and funds for the Santa Fe Concert Band (SFCB). Cyclists ride 25, 50 or 100 miles or a 20-mile dirt ride in beautiful Old Santa Fe, as part of Santa Fe Century (www.santafecentury.com). Riders should register first for one of the rides on the Century. Sign on with SFCB at (www.ridefortheband.com) by completing the Donor Card, which you may wish to mail to friends and cycling buddies to help raise the funds for your pledge. You are riding to support the Santa Fe Concert Band and its programs. Minimum pledge for Ride is \$100.00.

The Century Ride (100 miles) has a new route this year that will start at Santa Fe Community College. The new route takes cyclists over to the Turquoise Trail that continues through the old mining towns of Madrid and Golden; then a turn-around at the top of Heartbreak Hill. After a fast downhill, the route follows the Turquoise Trail back and heads to the village of Galisteo; then out to Eldorado and back to the College.

In addition, there is a 25 mile "out & back" route and a 50 mile loop. The route starts just past the College on the Spur Trail, which joins the Santa Fe Rail Trail, with a turn-around in Eldorado and then back to the College.

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Notes from the President

The very first Spring Concert by the Santa Fe Concert Band was in St. Francis Auditorium at 2:00 on April 14, 1984. Thirty musicians on stage included our conductor Gregory Heltman and three current band members: Mamie O'Bryan, flute; Elaine Grossman, oboe, and Dave Marble, tuba. Now we are getting ready for the 35th Season with a Spring Concert in St. Francis Auditorium at 2:00, April 22.

The band concluded this past season with a balanced budget -- not always the case. The income was equally divided into three portions: (1) band member dues and donations, (2) donations by concert attendees and (3) income from our fundraiser Ride for the Band. Within this budget, publicity for our concerts makes up almost two-thirds of the annual expenses; there are additional expenses for rehearsal space, licensing fees, printing, and miscellaneous other expenses.

Without the financial support and hard work of the band members, we would be unable to balance the budget. Members attend at least 42 two-hour weekly rehearsals each year, devote their practice time and have 13 or more annual performances. All this exemplifies one of the basic tenets of the Band: to bring music and entertainment to the community utilizing the interests, talents and contributions from its members. The website and this newsletter keep the members and the public aware of the band and its programs, all overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised entirely of band members.

We are looking for \$5,000.00 to purchase needed percussion equipment called for in some of our music -- chimes and a gong. We plan to share these special instruments with other community groups, including the Santa Fe Symphony that agrees to store them in a climate-controlled storage facility. We need to refurbish our rehearsal space to improve the acoustics, essential now with 66+ active members compared to 30 at the time of the band's first Spring Concert.

I am truly grateful to be a member of such a wonderful organization. I hope for two things: that the wish list in the previous paragraph will land in the lap of a generous donor, and that we attract more riders on the Ride for the Band Team. Anyone planning to ride should contact me for some advice about how to raise the funds and maybe some useful information to consider when you get on your bike to ride. ppease2003@comcast.net

Band Member of Note



After living in S. Carolina for 30+ years, **Sara Hood** moved to Santa Fe in 2017. She is a Reference and Instruction Librarian at SFCC. She earned both B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of South Carolina. She also has a Bachelor's in Music Education!

She was a flute major at Carolina but was most active in percussion. Other instruments she played in

various ensembles -- alto and baritone sax, trombone, euphonium and steel drums. That pretty much covers the band opportunities! Now she is again joining the percussion section, doing whatever is needed. Her experiences in ensembles are also varied, performing in College Wind Ensemble, the Community Concert Band, Lake Murray Symphony Orchestra and Pantasia Steel Band.

When asked about her experience with SFCB she says it's a fun group. She enjoys being together with friends making music and being part of a group that gives back to its community.

She says that Scott, her husband of 19 years, is her groupie. "Over the years, he has attended just about every one of my concerts." The two have what she calls a "feline furbaby" named Zoe, who loves belly rubs.

A Chuckle or Two ~ ~

You do not need a parachute to sky dive. You only need a parachute to sky dive twice.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong!

STACCATO

Welcome New Members!

Joined in 2017

Charla Gordon, Clarinet Mark Alexander, Trumpet Omar Diker, Trombone Sarah Hood, Percussion

Joined in 2018

Jim Roghair, Bassoon
Beth Schatz, Alto Saxophone
Alec Longstreth &
Steven Peinado, Trumpet
Nohemi Garcia, Trombone
Zachary Dukeminier, Tuba



Jean Doddridge – former flutist and band member made it to her 100th birthday in March 2017. She died in her sleep in the fall of 2017. "One of the greatest joys of her life was her years playing with the SFCB." This from a note in January 2018 received from Jeannine Seymour, Jean's daughter-in-law, expressing Jean's "gratitude, kindest regards, and best wishes."

~ ~ Thank you Jeannine



Ride for the Band Raffle Prizes

Current value of prizes: \$3488.00

Treb Clef rides for the Band

Ace Hardware

\$50. gift certificate

Alex Safety Lane, Inc.

\$100. Auto Service

AlphaGraphics

\$250. for any printing service

Borrego's Guitars & Music

Supply \$25. gift certificate

Café Fina

\$40. gift certificate

Cowgirl BBQ

4 - \$25. gift certificates

Frogurt Frozen Yogurt

5 - \$10. gift certificates

Drs. Martinez & Gibbs, DDS

\$580. Teeth Bleach System

Great Clips

2 - \$17. Free Haircut Cards

Hair Affair

\$35. Full style hair cut

Harry's Roadhouse

2-\$25. Gift certificates

Il Vicino

\$30. gift certificate

IMS: Bellus Skin Pen

Treatment Session \$350.

James Kallas Jewelers

\$100. Gift certificate

Joe's Dining

Two \$25. gift certificates

La Choza

\$60. gift certificate

Loyal Hound

\$30. gift certificate

Mellow Velo

\$100. Gift Certificate

Merrell

\$100. Gift Certificate

Mike's Garage

\$100. Subaru Auto Service

New Mexico Sports & Fitness

Center

\$211. 3 month membership

Pecos Trail Café

2 - \$20. gift certificates

restaurant martin

\$25. gift certificate

Santa Fe Pens

\$100.

Think Classic Fountain Pen

Santa Fe Symphony, 2018-19

Season

\$160. Two Seats @\$80 each

Second Street Brewery

\$50. gift card

Sirius Cycles

\$69. Tune-up

SpinDoc Cycling Classes

\$65. gift certificate

The Broken Spoke

\$60. gift certificate

The Pantry

\$40. gift certificate

Ultimate Eyecare

\$100. Eyeglass frame

Upper Crust Pizza

\$30. gift certificate

Santa Fe Antiques @ Valdes

\$25. gift certificate

Waldo's Vacuum

\$89. Bisselll Sweepup

List is subject to change

Raffle Tickets available at the Spring Concert and Ride for the Band

Saturday, May 19, 4:30 to 7

Sunday, May 20, 7 am to 3

Tickets: \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20

Drawing: May 20 at finish line 3:00

(you need not be present to win)

All proceeds benefit the Santa Fe Concert Band



Ever Wonder About Treb Clef?

A good friend and supporter of the band died recently. Willard Chilcott was very generous, he got things done – no debate

"he did it his way". When I first organized the Ride for the Band, Willard suggested that we needed a logo. I drew a picture and without much debate he approved and named the logo that we own – Treb Clef.

Willard contributed immensely to cycling in Santa Fe -founder of the Santa Fe Century and the Santa Fe Trail
Bicycle Trek. Another big accomplishment of his was the
extension of the stage at St. Francis Auditorium, which
was too small for the Santa Fe Community Orchestra back
in the mid-1980s. He extended the stage some 15 feet,
moved the organ console and repositioned the carvings
and spindles that are at the front of the stage. Willard
performed with the orchestra, and before he died he
donated his 1900 vintage cello to the band.

From the Acequia Trial entrance, there will be two benches at either end of the tunnel passing beneath St. Francis Drive going into the Railyard: one bench to honor Charlie Loesch (1937- 2016) Director of the Santa Fe Century for the last five years of his life and at the other end a bench in honor of Willard Chilcott (1928-2018.)

~ ~ Paul Pease

Holiday Concert Auction

The highest bids in each category of the auction at our Holiday Concert on December 11, 2017 at The Lensic permits one person to **Conduct the Band** and another **to Ring the Bell** at the July 4 performance on the Plaza. A big thank you to each for supporting the band.



Laurie Rossi will conduct the band for the second consecutive year. Len Stovall, former member of the band's percussion section for many years, will ring the ball in John Philip Sousa's *The Liberty Bell*

March. Because of their experience with the band, we expect great performances!

Santa Fe Concert Band Performance Schedule 2018

- April 22 ~ Spring Concert Sunday, 2:00 St. Francis Auditorium
- May 13 ~ Mothers Day Sunday, 2:00 Federal Park Santa Fe
- May 19 ~ Ride for the Band Concert Saturday, 4:30 SF Community College
- May 20 ~ Cyclists Ride for the Band Sunday, 9:00, 8:15, 7:00 a.m. 3:00 Drawing for Raffle & Silent Auction
- May 28 ~ Memorial Day Ceremonies 9:30, Santa Fe National Cemetery
- June 17 ~ Father's Day Sunday, 2:00 Federal Park Santa Fe
- July 4 ~ Pancakes on the Plaza Wednesday ~ 8:00 a.m.
- July 21 ~ A Midsummer Concert Saturday, 7:00 Rodeo Plaza
- July 22 ~ Midsummer Concert Sunday, 2:00 Federal Park Santa Fe
- August 12 ~ Historic Concert Sunday, 2:00 Federal Park
- August 14 ~ Concert
 Tuesday, 6:30 Kingston Residence
- November 11 ~ Veterans Day Sunday, 10:30 Veteran's Memorial
- December 8 ~ Holiday Performance Ssturday, 7:00 Santa Fe Place
- December 10 ~ Holiday Concert Monday, 7:00 The Lensic

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The Legacy of the Band & the Civil War Battle of Glorieta

The Battle of Glorieta known as the "Gettysburg of the West" occurred over three days, March 26 to 28, 1862. At that battle Union forces defeated the Confederates who were aiming to move on and take Fort Union and then extend into Colorado and further west.

Once defeated at Glorieta the Confederates retreated to Texas along with the bugler, **Francisco Perez**, who returned to his hometown of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Three years after his retreat Perez returned to Santa Fe with several other musicians and formed La Banda de Santa Fe. This group provided free concerts with volunteer musicians, which the Concert Band proudly continues to this day.

Keep On Truckin!!!

For those of us who prefer the walk instead of the ride, the board has added a new and fun event. WALK FOR THE BAND! The date is yet to be confirmed however it is likely to be late summer.



A mere 5K (3.3 mile) jaunt up and down the Arroyo Chamisa trail. We will be asking walkers to get sponsors just as we have for the Ride for the Band too! We think it will be a fun day for a little exercise, camaraderie and to help the band financially. We are looking forward to strolling with as many folks as we can muster! Any and all can join in the fun!

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Pecos National Historic Park will have a Civil War Encampment that is scheduled to happen Saturday March 24th from 10 a.m. to 3. Speakers on topics related to the Civil War here in New Mexico and black powder demonstrations (both rifle and cannon) will be occurring during the encampment.