



The Bugle

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Santa Fe Concert Band



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2020 Concert Season Cancelled

With great regret, we have cancelled all of the 2020 concert season. We are so sad to have not been able to play any of our regularly scheduled events and are especially sad to miss our holiday concert at the Lensic.

However, we are hoping for a music-filled 2021.



Performances in 2021

Our performance schedule for 2021 is under construction but we hope to have a spring concert and concerts in the park for Mother's Day and Father's Day.

All dates and times will be announced after the New Year.

Please like us on Facebook to get concert announcements or check our website.
(santafeconcertband.org).



The Bugle Is Going Green (at least still trying)

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Notes from the Conductor

Greg Heltman

Happy "Virtual" Fiesta Time in Santa Fe!

With the imperatives of staying safe during the Covid – 19 pandemic, most or all our usual activities have been postponed or cancelled. For the Santa Fe Concert Band, we have had to stop our regular rehearsals and cancel our traditional concert schedule. I particularly miss our performance at the National Cemetery for Memorial Day and especially miss the July 4th Pancakes on the Plaza event. It was also a bit heart breaking to not be able to present our summer concerts in the eastside Federal Courthouse park. And looking ahead a few months, this year we won't be presenting our annual Holiday Concert at the Lensic either (Bah - Humbug!).

We all miss the camaraderie of our outdoor concerts but also our rehearsals. To help with that, we recently began online Zoom SFCB meetings to keep in touch. At the suggestion of the membership I put together a list of music for band members to play at home with study links in hopes folks might be inspired by the concerts of the United States Marine Corps Band and Dallas Winds. Special thanks to Vic Perry, proprietor of Allegra Marketing Print Mail and accomplished SFCB trumpeter, who spent hours on his computer to make digital access to their sheet music available to band members.

In this day and age especially, we have become so accustomed to near instantaneous – or at least very quick – service, news, information, groceries, and all manner of solutions to our needs that our, or at least my, patience is being mightily tried. That being said, I must take a breath and remember patience. While we don't know when, The Santa Fe Concert Band will resume rehearsing and giving concerts. There have been many trying times since the Band's original founding in 1865. From WW I, the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, WW II, to the Great Recession, droughts, and nearby massive wild fires, the SFCB has persevered and we will this time as well.

Greg Heltman, Director



Members' Notes – How some band members have been keeping music in their lives

"I've been working on my fundamentals such as scales and sight reading. My hope is when we all come back together in our various ensembles, I will be an improved player." Ned

On-line play with **Low Flutes Group at Univ. of Colorado, Boulder**; Played **Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #3**. On-line Zoom; play online with the Santa Fe Flute group, learned the power of the metronome. Bill

Various online duets - clarinet/oboe, clarinet/sax, sax/sax, and accordion/bass guitar. So much fun. Sue

Various members are playing in brass ensembles and one ensemble has performed at the First Presbyterian Church Friday music series.

Not much playing at all but goofing around from time to time. Several members who wish to remain anonymous

Notes from the President
Paul Kennedy



Greetings SFCB Friends and Band Members,

I too regret, that we had to cancel the 2020 Santa Fe Concert Band season. Although we tried to maintain optimism that things would improve enough to have at least one or two concerts this year, the NM Health Orders, our venues, and the Members have all decided the safest approach is to hold off until next year. We will follow all health orders to ensure that our rehearsals and performances are safe comfortable to the best of our abilities, once we are able to start up again.

The ACB 2021 Convention planned for Santa Fe has also been pushed back to 2022. See elsewhere in this edition of The Bugle for information on the NM ACB Consortium, made up of Albuquerque Concert Band, Los Alamos Community Winds and Santa Fe Concert Band. Although 2022 feels like it is a long way off, we are working hard to prepare for and begin fundraising for the Convention. We encourage you to continue supporting free, community- and volunteer-based music, and as the planning progresses, will have exciting news to share about all of the events scheduled for the ACB 2022 Convention.

Although the Band has not had rehearsals since March, we have many activities still occurring.

- We have distributed music so members can practice for when we do get to rehearse again and prepare for a performance.
- Several band members have formed small ensembles.
- SFCB continues in the planning efforts for the ACB 2022 Convention.
- Regarding fundraising, the Band is currently planning multiple fundraising opportunities, including a group garage sale, selling farolitos for the holidays, and trying to incorporate a bake sale and silent auction into these activities .

We look forward to being able to announce our 2021 Season later in the year if possible, and will make sure we get the information out to our friends. I appreciate your ongoing support for the Band, and I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Paul Kennedy, President

MUSIC FOR LIFE

The ACB 2022 Convention, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Brought to you by the NM ACB Consortium



WHAT IS IT?

The convention is a 4-day conference for band directors, members and managers, as well as music history leaders, administrators, and board members, meet to exchange personal views and share experiences. The week includes educational seminars and clinics and performances by selected community bands. Attendees may participate in the Convention Band led by well-known conductors. The conference offers opportunity for networking among professional and fellow community band musicians.

<http://acbands.org/>

Santa Fe Concert Band has teamed with Albuquerque Concert Band and Los Alamos Community Winds to form the New Mexico Association of Concert Bands Consortium (NMACBC). The Consortium was originally formed to host the Association of Concert Bands (ACB) 2021 Annual Convention. As you might expect, the Convention was postponed until 2022.

In order to present the Convention, many volunteers have been meeting regularly to organize the NMACBC Consortium, plan the event and begin raising money required to host the event. I believe the Mission Statement of the NMACBC represents how all of us, from audience to performers to supporting friends and family, recognize the importance of community-based music.

Mission of the NMACBC

The New Mexico Association of Concert Bands Consortium (NMACBC) is made up of the Albuquerque Concert Band, the Los Alamos Community Winds, and the Santa Fe Concert Band. The mission of the NMACBC is to host the national convention of the Association of Concert Bands (ACB) in Santa Fe, NM, in Spring 2022. The "Music for Life" Convention in The City Different will celebrate largely volunteer North American community-based wind bands. A cherished tradition that predates the founding of the United States, these bands have played crucial roles in bridging differences, instilling community spirit, educating students, and bringing together all ages of Americans. Clinics and concerts will foster excellence in concert band music for participants of all ages and a variety of skill levels with nationally renowned instructors. Free public concerts will be performed by guest bands invited to play.

Although it feels like a long way off, there are many reasons to get excited, today, about the 2022 Convention. Musicians from throughout the region and all of North America will plan to attend to celebrate volunteer-based music and how important it is in our lives. Guest bands will be selected to perform in a series of concerts throughout the week, culminating in the 2022 Music for Life Convention Band, made up of members from around the country.

Between now and 2022, there will be many exciting developments in the Convention activities. Here are the initial, confirmed highlights:

- The Convention Band Conductor will be Captain Christina A. Muncey, Flight Commander for the United States Air Force Band.
- Jazz Trombonist Harry Watters will perform with local and Convention Bands, as well as provide a Clinic to Convention Participants.
- Dr. Eric Lau, Saxophone, will be a Guest Performer and Clinician, professor at UNM.
- Dr. Jennifer Lau, Flute, will be a Guest Performer and Clinician, professor at UNM.
- The highly acclaimed Canadian Brass will provide a clinic for Convention attendees, as well as a performance open to the public here in Santa Fe.

In order to make this Convention come to fruition, we need help. Santa Fe Concert Band has committed to hosting the convention as part of the NMACBC, and this includes fundraising. The fundraising budget for the event is \$60,000, which is half of the total budget (the balance being paid by convention registrants).

If you would like to support and contribute to our fundraising efforts, please follow the link below to the SFCB Network For Good account and note in the "Designation" box that the donation is for ACB2022.

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/MakeDonation.aspx?ORGID2=850330512>

We appreciate your support in bringing regional bands and nationally known musicians to Santa Fe in 2022.

Santa Fe Concert Band will continue to provide updates and Convention schedules, announcements, and other ways you may get involved and be aware of the planning efforts. We are excited to bring these events to Santa Fe, and we are excited to share the beauty and hospitality of Santa Fe with other musicians around the county. Most importantly, we can't wait to see you at the Convention!

Notes from the Editor

Peg Johnson

If you want to start playing music again, even if you haven't played in years, now is the perfect time. No one else is listening. Dust off your instrument and start blowing and we'll see you at our rehearsals when they start again in 2021.

Hold on and hang in there. Enjoy music in your life wherever you find it.



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