



The Bugle

Newsletter of the Santa Fe Concert Band
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Holiday Concerts

We are pleased to present in person performances. Hope to see you there!

*Monday, December 5, 7:00pm at The Lentic**

Lentic information:

Tickets are free and available at <https://tickets.lentic.org/events> or <https://tickets.lentic.org/7833/7835>

Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 7:00 p.m., Santa Fe Place
Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m., at Santa Fe Place

*Sponsored by The Lentic Performing Arts Center Community Sponsorship Program.

Farolito Fundraising Sale
One dozen farolitos for \$20

Buy a kit (do-it-yourself assembly)
or buy the fully assembled dozen

Includes delivery
from band member point of contact

Go to <https://santafeconcertband.org/>
and look for the Farolito Order Form button or get in touch
with your favorite band member.



Notes from the President



Greetings SFCB Friends and Band Members,

In the past, I have considered summer as the Band's busy season, but we have not really slowed down any this year as we enter the fall and winter. In addition to our annual Holiday Concert at the Lensic, each year we try to line up additional community holiday concerts. This year we'll perform a Holiday Preview Concert at Santa Fe Place Mall, as well as a follow up Holiday Encore Concert at the mall. See above for dates and time.

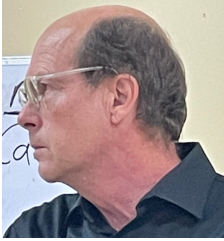
After a break during the pandemic, we've also reengaged the City for the Veterans Day Ceremony. This year the ceremony will be on the Plaza. Join the City and SFCB in honoring our Veterans on November 11th at 11:00 a.m.

Our Farolito Fundraiser is back for a third year. The fundraiser allows the Band to purchase music, instruments, advertising, insurance, and cover other operating expenses. This past weekend we finished preparing all of the kits for the season, so we are ready to start selling. Thanks to all the band members that helped for our two workdays folding bags and measuring sand. We had sixteen band members the first workday and ten for the second. See details about how to order Farolitos elsewhere in this edition.

Looking back on the beginning of the year, the Band put in a lot of work to co-host the 2022 ACB *Music For Life* Convention. The work included not only preparing for a performance, but also completing the many volunteer tasks, from the individual planning committees through designing the program, and helping out at the actual event. The Convention was deemed a success by the national organization, with eleven bands performing from six different states, and players attending from all over the country. The ACB proudly featured photos and comments about the event in their June *ACB Journal*.

It has truly been a busy year, and I thank the community for continual support of our Band activities, as well as all the Band Members for contributing your time and effort to the group.

Paul Kennedy, President



Notes from the Conductor

I am pleased to be leading the Santa Fe Concert Band, once again, with the membership back in full force now that covid restrictions have been relaxed and all of our Band members are vaccinated. As many performing arts organizations made accommodations during the height of the pandemic, we did as well. We suspended operations for a time, rehearsed outdoors several times, wore masks while rehearsing (specially designed masks for wind instruments), and even split the band into smaller groups to facilitate social distancing. It is great to be rehearsing “normally” again.

Following our key participation as a co-host of the national convention of the Association of Concert Bands here in Santa Fe in early May, with a prominent and standout performance at the Lensic, we dove into our summer concert schedule, starting with our annual participation for Memorial Day observances. Then we resumed our eastside Federal Courthouse Park concerts with our Father’s Day presentation followed a few weeks later with our lead spot for Pancakes on the Plaza for July 4th. The Band wrapped up our park concert series with our august Historic Music performance.

With new band members having joined us this fall, we are now preparing, with great anticipation, our annual, free admission, Holiday Concert at the Lensic, on Monday, December 5, 7:00pm. This year’s concert will feature such holiday favorites as *The Eighth Candle*, *The Christmas Waltz*, *Alfred Burt Carols*, *Sleigh Ride*, and much more. And of course, concluding with the ever-popular *Christmas Pops Sing-A-Long*. We greatly appreciate the support of the Lensic in sponsoring this annual tradition. General admission tickets for this concert are free, as always. They can be reserved in advance or held for you at “Will Call” by calling the Lensic at 505.988.1234. Tickets may also be picked up in person at the Lensic Box office during their normal box office hours. And, as always, your donations are greatly appreciated.

We hope for a packed house, so do join us.

Greg Heltman, Music Director

Leaving an Imprint on the Flutes and the entire Band

It is with great sadness that the band recognizes the passing of Mamie Jo O'Bryan and Nancy Sheer, two long-time flute players in the band.

Mamie, joined the Santa Fe Concert Band in 1983. She was one of the longest-serving members of the band, having played with us for 39 years. Mamie was known for her smile, kindness, consideration of others, and her sly sense of humor.

She is also missed at the dentist office where she worked for 47 years and at GCCC where she was a life guard. She seemed to always be taking care of people in need, including here sister.

Mamie was also amazing in that she worked for a dentists' office for 47 years. Thomas and Christopher Spier, dentists, say that they were blessed to have Mamie as part of their team during all those years, and they will dearly miss her.

We will miss Mamie. May she rest in peace.

Jane Abbott,
Edits by Peg Johnson

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We'd love to add you to our growing email list.

Nancy Scheer who was a very active member of the Santa Fe Concert Band (SFCB) for 34 years passed away on the same day that our band performed our annual 4th of July concert on the Santa Fe Plaza without her, a very fitting tribute to an incredible woman.

Nancy first joined the SFCB in August 1988. She rarely missed rehearsal or performances, even as she battled cancer. You surely heard her on the piccolo many times in "The Stars and Stripes Forever".

Nancy and I were in different groups at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) but worked together on projects within the Lab's Plutonium Facility. She was a phenomenal software/controls designer and she developed and debugged the computer coding needed for the control of a gantry robot system which manipulated special radioactive components between various precision instruments. That system is still being used at the lab today.

Nancy and I were in a very active carpool for 8 years commuting to Los Alamos. When she retired, we missed all our very lively conversations. She told us about a camping and hiking journey in Alaska in 1970. She told us several stories about her years at college in Enid, OK and about her teaching days in Hobbs, NM. One time during our commute home in the midst of a major snowstorm she didn't blink an eye when we both had to get out of our friend's car to push it back onto the road after we had slid off. We heard a lot about her active life time work with American Association of University Women (AAUW). She really helped make those long daily commutes very enjoyable, entertaining and educational.

I am sure that everyone in the band will definitely miss Nancy Scheer's presence in our great organization. Rest in Peace, Nancy!

<https://www-carriage.funeralwebhost.com/xjx/notices/Nancy-Scheer>

Dave Dennison
Edits by Peg Johnson

Upcoming Performances

Nov. 11th	Veteran's Day	11:00 a.m.	Santa Fe Plaza
Dec. 3rd	Holiday Music	7:00 p.m.	Santa Fe Place
Dec. 5th	Holiday Concert	7:00 p.m.	Lensic*
Dec. 13th.	Holiday Music	6:30 p.m.	Santa Fe Place

We'd love to see you at any or all of our performances.

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Notes from the Editor

It is time for me to pass on the editorship of The Bugle to someone with the professional credentials and know how to lift this newsletter to a new level.

My deepest thanks to my friend and band mate Barbara Gerber for agreeing to take on this task in service to the band and our faithful audience. Believe me, she will be great, and this newsletter will soar under her leadership.

It has been my pleasure and honor to be the editor for these past few years and through this unprecedented time. We will keep playing and hope you will keep listening.

Stay safe and healthy.

Peg Johnson, Editor
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