

About The Band

The Hartland Community Band is a volunteer not-for-profit organization that has been active in the musical life of southeast Wisconsin's artistic community since 1994. The band continues to delight and entertain residents in the Lake Country area and provides a musical outlet for its many talented adults.

Our concert venues allow people to enjoy our music at a variety of locations. The band enjoys performing summer concerts at Nixon Park in Hartland and other various community locations. We perform a yearly outreach holiday program at a selected care facility each December. Our concert season concludes on the first Sunday in December when we perform our annual Christmas Concert at the Holy Hill National Shrine.

Statement of Purpose

The Hartland Community Band provides an opportunity for individual musical expression and growth. We are committed to the best quality of performance possible, providing music that is challenging and rewarding for all players. We strive to perform music for our audiences that create a sense of community and pride in our nation.

Membership

The Hartland Community Band is comprised of adult musicians from the Lake Country and surrounding area.

Due to physical venue constraints the band must limit its roster. Those wishing to become a member of the band should contact the conductor or the band board President. If the instrument's section is full, the conductor will add the prospective member's name and instrument interest to a waiting list. New members will audition for placement in the band when an opening becomes available. The audition will consist of a prepared solo and sight-reading. The conductor and section leader or appointed member from that section will be present.

A substitute player (one concert) does not need to audition and will be prequalified by the conductor.

Covid-19 Protocol

In an effort to maintain the safety and comfort for all musicians and their families, we would like to work together to minimize any possible transmission of the virus. There will be some inherent risk in playing an instrument in close proximity to others. We believe it will be each individual's responsibility for their own safety. You know your situation best and how to keep yourself and your family safe. We will strive to provide a safe environment to do what we love, which is making music.

The following list of suggestions may help in lowering the risk factors.

- Do NOT come to rehearsal if:
 - You are not feeling well
 - You have an elevated temperature
 - You have had a positive test in the last two weeks
 - You are experiencing symptoms as listed by the CDC
- We will space out as much as our venue will allow
- Bring your own water to rehearsals
- Do not share folders or music stands
- Be respectful of a person's "space" and keep your distance
- Vaccines are encouraged, not required

In addition to the above information, you should understand the following:

- We will not use bell covers
- We will not require masks
- You will likely sit closer than 6 feet from the players around you

Dues

Annual dues for a full membership in the Hartland Community Band are \$25 for a single membership or \$35 for a couple/family. Dues are to be paid in full at the beginning of the spring/summer season or at any time during the calendar year the member joins. Payment of dues gives membership privileges, including full participation in rehearsals and concerts, listing of the member's name in concert programs, voting eligibility, and access to any other activities or services sponsored by the band such as a reduced cost on a band summer shirt. In cases of financial hardship, the Hartland Community Band Board may reduce or waive an individual's dues. The Band Board will consider requests for dues reduction on a case-by-case basis.

Attendance

The Hartland Community Band maintains a member list, which is updated at the beginning of each season. Attendance is taken at each rehearsal. The expectation is that members attend all rehearsals and concerts according to the schedule provided on the band website. All absences must be communicated to the conductor, band secretary, and the section leader in advance.

- A band member must attend 75% of scheduled rehearsals in order to play in the concert/s.
- A band member must perform in 50% of the concerts for that season in order to play during that season.

Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the conductor.

If a member cannot attend a “season” (spring/summer or fall) and a replacement player is brought in and wishes to stay, the original member will go to the top of the waiting list for that section.

Section Leaders

The section leader must be diplomatic and reasonable. He/she will distribute the music and determine the individual seating assignments within the section, consulting with the conductor as needed. He/she will be available to section members to address any questions regarding playing techniques, intonation, and part interpretation. The section leader will disseminate communications regarding changes in schedule, concert dress protocol, attendance requirements, dues, music folder responsibilities and ensures that an absent member is well prepared for all concerts.

If an issue arises regarding a member’s section, he/she should first contact the section leader. Any problems or concerns that cannot be resolved by the section leader can be brought to the attention of the conductor/ board president

Rehearsals

The Hartland Community Band rehearses Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Arrowhead High School South Campus band room. The Spring/Summer rehearsals run from the first Wednesday in March through the first Wednesday in June. The fall season runs from the first Wednesday in October through the last Wednesday in November for the Christmas concerts. Additional dress rehearsals will be scheduled for the all performances and will be listed on the band website. There may also be additional, not required, sight reading sessions.

Rehearsals provide the band an opportunity to rehearse as a large group and in smaller sectionals. Sectionals will be held as determined by the conductor and will be led by the section leader.

It is the expectation that band members are on time and ready to rehearse at 7pm, and that rehearsal etiquette is followed, including the silencing of cell phones.

Performance Dress

Summer Concert Attire: All band members are to wear their current band polo shirts. Black bottoms are to be pants, capris or skirts. Black shorts will be allowed as long as they are knee length. Shoes, socks or sandals worn are to be black. No white socks or white tennis shoes.

Parade Attire: White polo shirts, khaki bottoms and shoes or sandals of choice.

Formal Concert Attire for Women: All black which may include black mid-length or longer skirt, slacks, black blouse, sweater or jacket, black hose and black shoes.

Formal Concert Attire for Men: Black suit or tuxedo with a white shirt, black bow tie, black shoes and socks for the Scholarship Concert. For our Holy Hill Christmas Concert a festive holiday long tie should be worn.

Nursing Home Attire: Festive Christmas attire on top and black pants or skirt, black shoes.

Performance Procedures

Members should arrive at the concert location to allow time to unpack, warm up and become acclimated. Members need to be on stage at a time designated by the conductor. Members should make sure their music is in concert order and necessary accessories such as stands and stand lights are present. The concertmaster (first chair clarinet) gives the cue to tune. During the concert, stay alert –carefully watch the conductor. If the conductor motions for soloists or the entire band to stand, do so quickly being sure to face the audience.

Smile!

Extraneous noise and talking should be kept to a minimum before and during the program.

Band Management

The Hartland Community Band is managed by its members on a volunteer basis. There are many opportunities for band members to get involved in the management of the band's operations, concerts, and other events. Responsibilities of the Band Board of Directors and current Board Member names are listed on the band website.

Elected Positions

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Two Band Members "At Large"

Appointed Positions

Librarian
Band Manager
Assistant Band Manager

Hired Position – hired by the Board of Directors

Conductor

Band Board Elections

Board positions will be held for a period of 3 years, beginning with the month of January. Elections will be held the prior October. Our next election will be held in the fall of 2024 for a 3-year term to start January 2025. Appointed positions will be confirmed by current elected board members. All board members are eligible to vote.

Paid employees of the Hartland Community Band will not be voting members on the board. Since the conductor is an employee of the band, that appointed position will not vote. This will leave the Board with an odd number of voting members, which will eliminate the possibility of a tie vote.

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