

# The Band Beat

Our Band  
Our News  
December 2018

Newsletter of the Manatee Community Concert Band



## Great First Concert!

Rehearsals Every Tuesday at 6:45PM, Southeast High School

Our concert with the Bay Chorale was a sell-out success, with 800+ people attending and enjoying the wonderful, energetic, patriotic music of the Chorale and the MCCB. Many thanks to all the people who helped put on this show and especially to the directors, George Nickson of the MCCB and Tim O'Connor of the Bay Chorale. We look forward to working next with Jason Weintraub, our director for our Christmas concert series. It promises to be a wonderful holiday celebration!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We are thankful that each and every one of you work so hard to make us the successful band that we are. See you at rehearsal next Tuesday at Southeast High School, Bradenton, downbeat at 7 pm!

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### Upcoming Dates

Full Schedule on Pg 7

Every Tuesday  
Rehearsal  
6:45pm at SEHS

12/8/18 Concert  
UTC Mall

12/11/18 Concert  
Harbour Isles

12/15/18 Concert  
Neel PAC

12/18/18  
No Rehearsal  
Winter Break

1/8/19  
Rehearsals Resume

2/19/18 Concert  
Location TBD  
Report Time 5:30pm

2/24/18 Concert  
Southeast High School  
Report Time 5:30pm

## A Message From the President

Thank you so much for everyone pitching in and helping us with set-up at band rehearsals and for our satellite concerts.

As you know, we still have 4 more satellite concerts this season and 3 main venues. We will still need some help with set-up. I am really looking forward to the Movie Themes in Feb. that George Nickson has chosen. The concert will be a showstopper. It will allow us to continue to have so much fun and enjoyment in playing our music. Each of you makes a difference! The band is sounding better and having better performances. I am so proud to be a musician in this band!

Jim Hyler

## Thank You!

The Manatee Community Concert Band would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Robyn Bell, Director of the Pops Orchestra and Music Program Chair and Director of Instrumental Studies at the State College of Florida. Robyn's support and generosity has afforded the Manatee Community Concert Band to have a successful concert at Neel Performing Arts Center at the State College of Florida. Thank you Robyn!

## Spotlight

This month we would like to Spotlight percussionist, Scott Blum. Scott is originally from the New Jersey/New York area, currently lives in Bradenton Beach, Florida. In addition to being the Manatee Community Concert Band's drummer/percussionist, his performances include, dance bands, theatre productions, parades, circus, festivals, orchestra, opera, radio, television, and studio recording. He has performed with a wide range of artists from Archie Shepp to Esteban. Scott has received numerous awards and grants for programs throughout the community. His credits include innovative and educational presentations, drum circles, dance classes and percussion workshops including Performing Art Centers, Libraries, Schools, Colleges, and Museums. He can be seen performing and teaching throughout Florida with Sarasota Contemporary Dance, The Sea Notes Dixieland Jazz Band, The Jacobites, First Brass, Piping Hot, The North Port Concert Band, Anna Maria Island Orchestra and Chorus and many other performers. He is an active member of the Association of Florida Teaching Artists, Sarasota Ed Explore, Sarasota Schools, Arts for Healing and a retired Exceptional Education Specialist for Manatee County Schools. Thank you Scott for keeping the beat!



## Grant Season is Upon Us!

This is the time of year that the Board of Directors is preparing for the 2019-2020 Grant Season. Many of the grants are due at the end of 2018 or in the early months of 2019. If you have experience in Grant Writing or would like to give it a try, please see Faith Faust (2nd horn) at rehearsal or send her an email to [faithfaust@gmail.com](mailto:faithfaust@gmail.com) with the subject line GRANTS. You can also email her with ideas for Grants you know of. This past year we took part in the Giving Challenge and also received a \$1,000 grant from The Exchange (formerly the Women's Exchange) of Sarasota.

# Musical Moments with Our Director

## *Dynamics and Balance*

When you look at your part you see *f*, or *p*, or *mf*, or whatever. At the same time everyone in the band is usually looking at similar dynamics.

*So how loud is f? How soft is p?*

I have no idea, but the key is, "where do I fit into the overall balance at this musical moment?" If you are a brass player playing a sustained chord marked *f*, while the woodwinds have a lovely melody also marked *f*.....well I think you get the drift. There is no way I, as the conductor, can tell you exactly how loud your *f*, is at any given moment. And it is constantly changing. This is where your experience and musicianship become crucial. We all know every part is important. But just how important is your part at any given moment? When we get it right it is exciting. When we don't it's.....not so great. The challenge, therefore, is to constantly be assessing, "Am I in balance at this moment?"

It's hard work, but worth the effort.

Jason

### Next Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday  
January 13, 2019  
4:00pm

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County  
1226 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

### Band Directory

In January, the Board of Directors is going to begin working on a Band Directory with names, photos and contact information for our band members! More information coming in the New Year!

## Performance Dress

We wear the same uniform for each concert, whether it is at a main concert venue or a satellite concert. The following is the Performance Dress:

Black Embroidered MCCB Dress Shirt  
Black Dress Pants  
Black Belt  
Black Socks  
Black Close Toed Shoes





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### Band Member Dues and Shirts

The dues for the 2018-2019 season will be \$50. This can be paid by cash or check.

Please make all checks payable to *Manatee Community Concert Band*.

Our performance dress includes an embroidered black dress shirt.

These shirts are available for \$25. Please see Lita Tyler (flute) to order. You must be fitted for the shirt prior to ordering. If you have a shirt from the 2017-2018 season, you do not need to purchase a new one.

Dues may be given to Clint Maxim (bari sax) at rehearsal or mailed to  
P.O. Box 502  
Bradenton, FL 34206

### Volunteers Needed

Our band runs on volunteers and WE NEED YOU!!! We need volunteers to help set up and tear down of rehearsals and performances, truck loading and unloading for performances, ushers for concerts and the list goes on. Do you have a special skill? Perhaps your talents in your field of work or hobbies could help out in some way! If you or someone you know has the time to volunteer for our band please see Jim Hyler at any rehearsal and speak with him about how you can help. Nancy Niemi's husband will be in charge of ushers this year. Please speak with her if you have a family member or friend who can help usher at a concert. You can also email [faithfaust@gmail.com](mailto:faithfaust@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Music Stands

Please bring your own music stand to ALL satellite concerts (i.e., Imperial Lakes, Harbour Isles, etc.). The Board of Directors has discussed this topic at length. To transport stands for band members is not only strenuous but costly to the band. A large percentage of truck space is taken up with stands. With that in mind, we decided that we will no longer transport stands to satellite locations.

The preferred music stand is the Manhasset black metal stands; however, whatever you have available is acceptable. If you don't own a stand of any kind, ask your fellow band members, there are plenty of extras floating around. If you would like to purchase one Jim Bertrand (1st Horn) of Bertrand's Music would be happy to assist you! Stands will continue to be provided at the main concert venues (Neel PAC and Southeast High School).

## Membership Forms

ALL Members need to complete the Membership Form online with the link that was sent in an email or available on Page 6 of the *The Band Beat*! This helps us make sure we have current contact and emergency contact information for you. Please return this form with your dues to Clint Maxim (bari sax).

## Sponsor a Student!

Would you like to sponsor a student member of the Manatee Community Concert Band? Students are not expected to pay dues or purchase a performance dress band shirt. If you would like to cover the cost of the shirt for a student as a donation, please see Clint Maxim at the next rehearsal!

## Submission Deadline

Do you have ideas for *The Band Beat* Newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for a Member Spotlight? Do you have any current high resolution photos? If so, please email [faithfaust@gmail.com](mailto:faithfaust@gmail.com) with the subject line BAND BEAT. The submission deadline for each issue is the 25th of the month.

## December Checklist

- ☐ Complete the 2018-2019 Member Information Form online or return with dues.
- ☐ Pay my yearly dues to Clint Maxim
- ☐ Get my performance dress ready for the upcoming concert. Find my band shirt, black dress pants, socks, shoes and belt!
- ☐ Sign Up for Remind!
- ☐ Find, borrow or buy a music stand for satellite performances.
- ☐ Make sure my calendar has all the band events.
- ☐ LIKE us on Facebook!
- ☐ Sign Up for Amazon Smile

## Contact Information

website

[manateeconcertband.org](http://manateeconcertband.org)

email address

[manateeconcertbandbod@gmail.com](mailto:manateeconcertbandbod@gmail.com)

phone number

941-363-1237

## Map of UTC

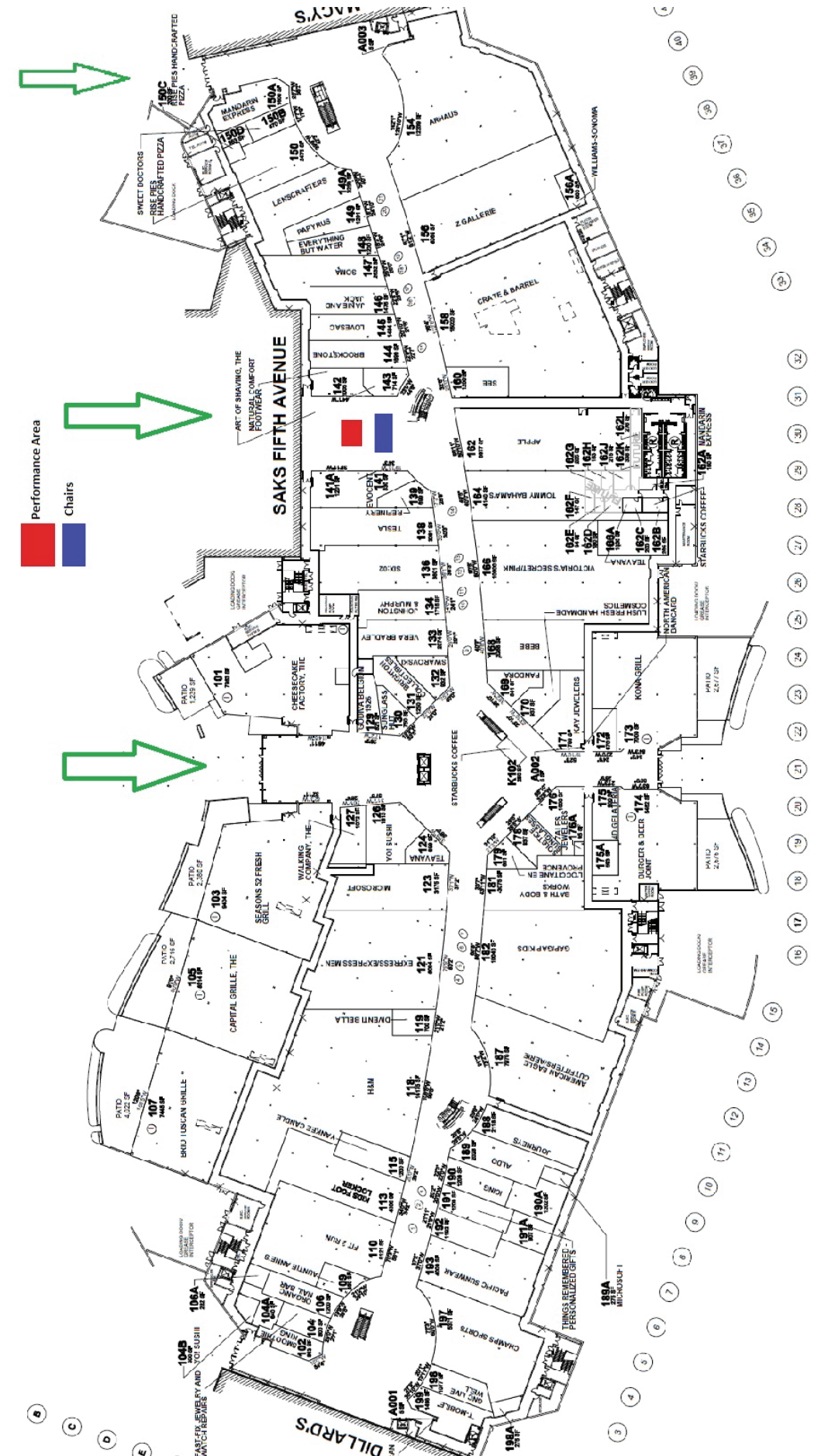
You will find a map of the UTC Mall on page 6 for the Dec. 8th concert that shows the performance location in the mall.

We are performing in the SAKS Court area (red box). Best places to park and enter are located near the Green arrows.

Report time is 1:30pm on Saturday, December 8. We start promptly at 2:00pm.

There will not be time to run through any pieces. There will not be an opportunity to warm up. PLEASE warm up at home before coming to the Mall.

Concert Dress: Black Dress Shirt, Black Dress pants, Black Belt, Black Shoes, Black Socks



# Calendar of Events

The Manatee Community Concert Band will meet each Tuesday evening at Southeast High School.  
Call time for rehearsal is 6:45pm, weekly announcements will be made at 6:55pm  
and the downbeat promptly at 7:00pm.  
If you are able to arrive by 6:30pm to help set up it would be appreciated.  
Park on the east side of the school in the student parking lot.  
We will rehearse in the orchestra room.

## December

- 4th Rehearsal
- 8th Concert The Mall at UTC 2-4PM  
exact report times coming soon  
Bring your own stand
- 11th Concert Harbour Isles  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm  
Bring your own stand
- 15th Concert Neel Performing Arts Center  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm with Strings Con Brio  
opening
- 18th No Rehearsal- Winter Break

## January

- 8th Rehearsal
- 15th Rehearsal
- 22nd Rehearsal
- 29th Rehearsal

**Harbour Isle Beach Club**  
220 Martinique Drive  
Bradenton, FL 34209

**UTC MALL Address**  
140 University Town Center Dr.  
Sarasota, FL 34243

**Neel PAC Address**  
5840 26th St W.  
Bradenton, FL 34207

## February

- 5th Rehearsal
- 12th Rehearsal
- 19th Concert Location Colony Cove  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm  
Bring your own stand
- 24th Concert Southeast High School  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm with Southeast High Opening
- 26th Rehearsal

## March

- 5th Rehearsal
- 12th Rehearsal
- 19th Concert Harbour Isles  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm  
Bring your own stand
- 23rd Concert Neel Performing Arts Center  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm
- 26th Concert Horseshoe Cove  
Setup 5:00pm  
Warm Up/Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Concert 7:00pm  
Bring your own stand





# *Celebration!*

## *A Holiday Concert*

Presented by the

**Manatee Community Concert Band**

**SATURDAY  
DECEMBER 15**

**7:00 P.M.**

*Free  
Concert*

With an opening performance by

**Strings Con Brio**

**Neel Performing Arts Center**

State College Of Florida

5840 26Th St W.

Bradenton, Fl 34207

**ATTEND WITH A FRIEND!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL

**(941) 363-1237**

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# TUBA CHRISTMAS

**Free outdoor concert - December 22, concert at 12:30 PM**

**A performance of traditional Christmas music honoring the proud history of the  
Tuba family of instruments**

**Bradenton Farmers Market at Old Main and 4<sup>th</sup> street, Bradenton, Florida**

**Conductor – Faith Faust**

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**Realize Bradenton - Bradenton Farmers Market**

**First Baptist Church Bradenton**

**All Tuba, Euphonium, Sousaphone, Baritone, Helicon players are invited to perform.**

**Schedule of events for Tuba and Euphonium players:**

**9:00 AM                      Registration – First Baptist Church, 401 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Bradenton, FL**

**9:30 AM – 11:30          Rehearsal – First Baptist Church**

**12:00 noon                Report time at Farmers Market**

**12:30 – 1:30              Tuba Christmas performance**

**1:30 – 2:00                Return to First Baptist Church to retrieve instrument cases.**

**Players information:**

**Registration fee, \$10.00 Tax deductible contribution. Includes Commemorative Button**

**All players must have the music book: CAROLS FOR A MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS. If you don't have the book, it will be available for purchase at registration.**

**Bass clef in C - \$20.00, Large format Bass clef - \$25.00. Treble Clef (and bass clef) are available for advance purchase at [www.TubaChristmas.com](http://www.TubaChristmas.com).**

**TubaChristmas hats and scarves available for purchase.**

**Decorating your horn in a Christmas theme is encouraged!**

**Bring your music stand, some method to hold your music against the breeze (this is an outdoor concert), carrying strap or chair. You may sit or stand for the performance. The concert will be 1 hour in length.**

**Please call or Email coordinator Cliff Peshek 440-915-5564, [peshekc@verizon.net](mailto:peshekc@verizon.net) if you are planning on performing. This will help with planning, thank you.**

This form is available online!!!!  
Check your email for the Membership  
form link!

# Membership Form

## Manatee Community Concert Band

(Please Print)

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Full Time Resident (circle one): Yes No

If you circled "NO" please complete the following:

Second Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

When do you usually arrive and depart Florida for the season?: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

The Part you are most comfortable playing (circle): 1st part 2nd part 3rd part

Secondary Instrument (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Past Musical Experience (circle): High School College Professional Other

Are you retired (circle one): Yes No What is/was your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

What are your other interests and/or hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a short description of why you are joining the band: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check at least one area you are willing to assist the band with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Marketing/Promoting

\_\_\_\_\_ Rehearsal set-up and tear down

\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment moving

\_\_\_\_\_ Music Organization/Library

\_\_\_\_\_ Advertising

\_\_\_\_\_ Concert Day Set-up and Tear Down

\_\_\_\_\_ Scheduling

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

My signature below gives permission for the Manatee Community Concert Band to use my name and image (either in photograph, a or video) on it's website, in promotional videos, marketing materials and any other media form necessary to promote the band.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

