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Medina Community Band

Media Release



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[This material is for the first season concert – Friday, July 22, 2022.](#)

Site: Medina's Uptown Park Square (intersections of Rts 18, 42, Broadway and Liberty Street). Cancellation of concerts due to the weather will be posted on the above website!

Medina Community Band will present their eighth concert of the 2022 summer season, a celebration of 163 years (since 1859) of presenting community concerts in Medina, on **Friday, July 22nd, 2022**, at **8:30p**, in **Medina's Uptown Park Square Gazebo**.

Featured soloists will be **Sue McLaughlin & Amy Muhl**, flute duet, performing Kurt Gäble's *Celtic Flutes* and a trumpet trio consisting of **Marcia Nelson-Kline, Paul Rocco, and Jeff Danilovic** performing Leroy Anderson's *Bugler's Holiday*. Featured vocal soloist for the evening will be **Hannah Tramonte** singing Arlen's

Somewhere Over the Rainbow. The trombone section will also be featured in Henry Fillmore's *Lassus Trombone*.

The community band will feature Franz von Suppé's *Light Cavalry Overture*; and Frederico Chueca's *Water, Sweet's and Brandy*. Special march and galops will feature Mahlon Merrick's *Gillette Look Sharp March*; Johann Strauss, Sr.'s *Chinese Galop*; John Williams' *March of the Resistance* from *Star Wars the Force Awakes*; and Sousa's *Washington Post* and *Stars and Stripes Forever*.

The concert will be dedicated to the remembrance of **Cheryl Elaine Mravetz** (June 6, 1947 – October 15, 2021), **Marilyn Klass Sigel** (December 9, 1936 – May 27, 2020), and **Frederick Joseph Duprow** (December 6, 1937 – July 26, 2020).

Area social and civic groups will be featured as summer social hosts providing light refreshments at a reasonable donation during each concert: **Marcus Neiman** conducts Medina Community Band and will be joined in the conducting duties by **John Connors, Matthew Hastings, and Amy Muhl** (assistant conductors). The social host for the Friday, July 22 concert will be **x**.

Medina Community Band is proudly sponsored and supported by the **Medina Community Band Association**, composed of members of Medina Community Band. The board of directors consists of **Lu Ann Gresh**, president; **Amy Muhl**, vice president; **Lindsay Hastings**, financial secretary; **Rodney Hannah**, treasurer; **Sue McLaughlin**, secretary; with directors **John Connors, Jeff Danilovic, Thomas Kenat, and Kristin Thompson**.

Membership in MCB is open and there are no dues or auditions; however, members are expected to maintain a regular attendance. The band rehearses on Wednesday evening from 7p - 9p in the gymnasium of St. Ambrose Church/Parish (929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212).

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Anthem, <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> (1889/1917)	Francis Scott Key Sousa/Damrosch
Overture, <i>Light Cavalry</i> (1866/1927)	Franz von Suppé Henry Fillmore
March, <i>The Gillette Look Sharp March</i> (1953)	Mahlon Merrick Paul Yoder
Flute Duet, <i>Celtic Flutes</i> (2003)	Kurt Gäble
<i>Sue McLaughlin and Amy Muhl, soloists</i>	
Galop, <i>Chinese Galop</i> (1829/2021)	Johann Strauss, Sr. Thom Roosen
Trumpet Trio, <i>Bugler's Holiday</i> (1954)	Leroy Anderson
<i>Marcia Kline, Paul Rocco, and Jeff Danilovic, soloist</i>	
March, <i>March of the Resistance</i> (from <i>Star Wars - The Force Awakes</i>) (2015)	John Williams Paul Lavender
Soprano Solo, <i>Somewhere Over the Rainbow</i> (from <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>) (1939)	Frank Arlen Warren Barker
<i>Hannah Tramonte, soloist</i>	
Characteristic, <i>Slim Trombone</i> (1919)	Henry Fillmore
<i>Featuring the trombone section</i>	
Passagulia, <i>Water, Sweets, and Brandy</i> (1897/2021)	Frederico Chueca Sergio Rodriguez Pena
March, <i>Washington Post</i> (1899)	John Philip Sousa
Our National March, <i>The Stars and Stripes Forever</i> (1996)	John Philip Sousa
Patriotic, <i>God Bless America</i> (1917).....	Irving Berlin Erik Leidzén

Program subject to change



To view entire program online (at our website) scan QR code above!

Conducting Staff



Marcus L. Neiman has been conductor of Medina Community Band since the Fall of 1972 and has served as conductor of the ensemble longer than any previous conductor in the ensemble's history. He attended the Akron Public Schools, received his bachelor of science in music education degree from The University of Akron, master of music in music education degree from The University of Michigan, postgraduate hours at The Kent State University, and The University of Akron.

Neiman retired from posts held with the Medina County Schools Educational Service Center in 2010 (1980 through 2000 as fine arts consultant and 2000 through 2010 as director of fine arts tours and festivals). He was formerly director of bands at Medina High School (1972 through 1980). Neiman retired in July of 2016 from his position as assistant professor of music education at the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University where he was an interim assistant director of bands conducting the Concert Band (May of 2010 through May of 2011) and music education courses, as well as supervising music education student

teachers.

Prior to his arrival at Kent State University, Neiman was a part-time lecturer for the music department at Case Western Reserve University with major responsibilities of teaching their "Foundations of Music Education" course and supervising music education student teachers from April 2004 through May of 2010. He also supervised visual arts education student teachers for The University of Akron.

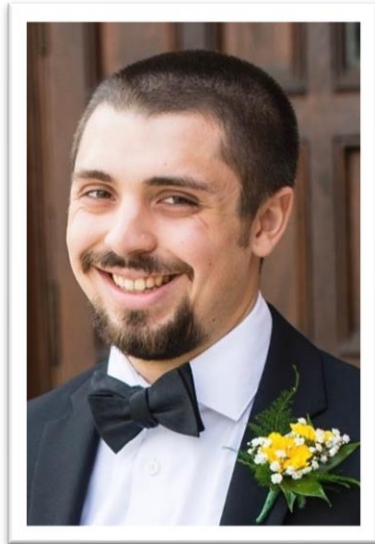
Neiman was a founding trustee and past president of both the Medina County Arts Council and Medina County Performing Arts Foundation and served as music director for productions by both Medina County Show Biz Company and Brunswick Entertainment Company. He served as a committee member on the City of Medina Uptown Park Committee and Arts Under the Stars committee. A past member of Medina Noon Kiwanis Club he was a member of the class of '94 Leadership Medina County. He was awarded the **Leadership Medina County "Excellence in Education Leadership"** in June of 2014, the sixth recipient of the award in Leadership Medina County's history and the only recipient not a superintendent of a school district.

Neiman has served Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) as a member of the adjudicated events flute solo and ensemble required list selection committee, communications, governmental relations, music in our schools, and public relations committees, district president, vice-president, state chair for **Music In Our Schools** and public relations, state editor of their professional journal **TRIAD**, and state chair for their council of supervisors. He was elected by OMEAs membership to serve as state president from July 1, 1998 through July 1, 2000 and is currently OMEAs state historian. He was awarded OMEAs highest honor, the **"Distinguished Service Award"** on January 29th, 2010 at the Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Neiman has been published in Music Educators National Conference journal **MEJ**, **The Instrumentalist**, **The School Musician**, **The Music Educator**, OMEAs **TRIAD**, **FANFARE** magazine, and Bands of America **Newsletter**. His first book, edited for MENC, entitled **Life in the Music Classroom**, was published by MENC in April 1992. He is listed in Marquis **"Who's Who in America"** (58th Edition).

Neiman has appeared with junior high/middle and high school, college and university, community bands, and American Federation of Musicians union professional bands as a guest conductor and in his characterization of famed bandmaster **John Philip Sousa** in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, (state of) Washington, and Wisconsin. On October 15, 2004, Neiman conducted the Volga Concert Band in Saratov, Russia in a Sousa-style concert following a week's residence in Moscow and Saratov. In addition to conducting the Medina Community Band (since 1972), he formed his own professional touring band -- **The Sounds of Sousa Band** -- (in 1992) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of Sousa's first non-military band. To this date, he has performed for over 200,000 people in the role of Sousa.

Neiman's goal has always been to preserve the presence and character of the traditional "town-band." In addition, Neiman has encouraged composers to write for the band. Over the years, the band has commissioned works by Douglas Court, Robert Feldbush, Stuart Ling, Edmund J. Siennicki, Tadd Russo, and David Shaffer. Neiman is a member of numerous professional organizations including the National Association for Music Education and Ohio Music Education Association, National Band Association, Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and Ohio Citizens for the Arts. Neiman is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi (University of Michigan Nu chapter, and honorary Beta Pi at Kent State University). He is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership society – The University of Akron - Theta Circle). He and his wife Mary Ann, who is a professional clarinetist reside in Medina with Ludwig – the cat.

John Connors, assistant conductor, is a Sergeant First Class in the Ohio Army National Guard, where he serves as the full-time Readiness Noncommissioned Officer of the 122nd Army Band in Columbus. In addition to these duties, he continues to perform as a trombone player and serve as drum major, where he has led the band in parades throughout the state of Ohio. 2022 will mark Connors' fifteenth year serving in the Ohio National Guard. Outside of the Army, John remains active as a freelance musician throughout Ohio and currently plays lead trombone in the John Trapani Big Band of Canton. He has also served as trombone soloist with the Brass Band of the Western Reserve in Akron. Additionally, he performs on historical instruments with the Civil War period ensembles The 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band, The Camp Chase Fifes and Drums, and the 2nd Cavalry Brigade Band. He joined the Medina Community Band in 2002 to play trombone, and he has also played in the euphonium, horn, and percussion sections. Connors holds a Master of Music Degree in Music Education from the University of Akron (2019), Master of Music degree in Trombone Performance from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh (2014), and Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance, with a minor in Jazz Studies, from Ohio University in Athens (2012). He graduated from Highland High School in 2007. Connors has studied conducting with Richard Suk and Andrew Trachsel at Ohio University, Andrew Feyes and Galen Karriker at The University of Akron, and with Marcus Neiman.



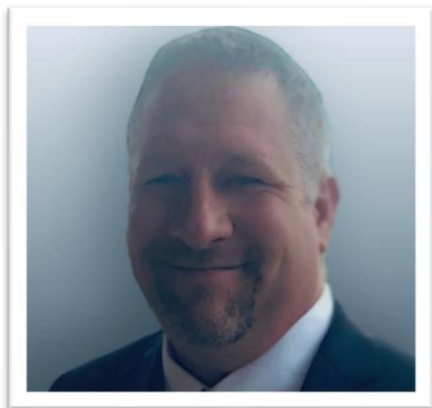
Matthew Hastings, assistant conductor, has been employed with the Wadsworth City Schools since 2015. At Wadsworth, Hastings oversees the 5th and 6th grade band programs, assists with the marching band during band camp, and serves as theatre manager for Wadsworth's OJ Work Auditorium. Prior to his appointment at Wadsworth, he completed his student teaching experience at Donnell Middle School in Findlay, Ohio teaching grades 6-8 band and grades 6-7 general music. Hastings joined the Medina Community Band in 2018 where he plays tuba and percussion, and he is also serving as an assistant conductor for the 2019 summer session.

Hastings graduated from Green High School in Green, Ohio in 2011, and earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Ohio Northern University in 2015. He resides in Medina with his wife, Lindsay and their dog, O'Malley

Amy Muhl has been a member of Medina Community Band since 1998. Originally from Lyme, Connecticut, moved to Ohio to study music education at Oberlin Conservatory in 1991. She graduated in 1995 and taught orchestra for two years in the Willard City Schools. Amy received her masters of music education from Kent State University on a scholarship, in 1998. She then taught instrumental music at Buckeye High School, in Medina (OH) and in the fall of 1999, became the elementary band teacher for Buckeye Local Schools. In the fall of 2001, she began teaching elementary instrumental music at Central Intermediate School in the Wadsworth City Schools. After raising Eva and Simon for 5 years, Amy returned to Wadsworth Schools teaching general music at Valley View Elementary and is now back at Central Intermediate School teaching general music and choir. Amy also plays flute/piccolo and piano, in addition to being a member of Medina Community Band and Sounds of Sousa Band. She is also Vice President of the Medina Community Band Association. Amy resides in Wadsworth with her husband Frank, and three children, Kenneth, Eva and Simon.



Soloists



Jeff Danilovic, trumpet soloist, is a registered nurse with 19 years experience in Cardiothoracic Intensive Care and Home Care Nursing where he currently has the role of Clinical Market Manager.. He earned an Associates Degree in Nursing from Cuyahoga Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Ohio University. Prior to his career in nursing, Jeff studied music education at The Ohio State University where he participated in various ensembles including the Trumpet Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and The Ohio State University Marching Band. He joined the Medina Community Band in 2018 and is also a member of The Brass Band of the Western Reserve. Jeff and his wife Colleen, reside in Medina, Ohio with their children Caitlin, Connor, and Molly.

Sue McLaughlin, flute soloist, has been a member of the Medina Community Band since 1994. While in high school, she was a member of the concert band, pep band, orchestra, and jazz band, playing clarinet and saxophone. In addition to playing flute and piccolo in the Medina Community Band, Sue has also performed with Marcus Neiman and The Sounds of Sousa

Band, Symphony West Orchestra, Medina Show Biz, St. Paul Lutheran Church orchestra, Champagne Flutes at the Music Settlement and the Western Star Flute Choir. Sue lives in Medina with her two cats, Truffles and Lilibet. She has a daughter and two grandsons. Sue is section leader for the flute section, media/public relations contact for the band and secretary of the Medina Community Band Association.

Amy Muhl, flute soloist, has been a member of Medina Community Band since 1998 and appointed as an assistant conductor in 2022. Originally from Lyme, Connecticut, moved to Ohio to study music education at Oberlin Conservatory in 1991. She graduated in 1995 and taught orchestra for two years in the Willard City Schools. Amy received her masters of music education from Kent State University on a scholarship, in 1998. She then taught instrumental music at Buckeye High School, in Medina (OH) and in the fall of 1999, became the elementary band teacher for Buckeye Local Schools. In the fall of 2001, she began teaching elementary instrumental music at Central Intermediate School in the Wadsworth City Schools. After raising Eva and Simon for 5 years, Amy returned to Wadsworth Schools teaching general music at Valley View Elementary and is now back at Central Intermediate School teaching general music and choir. Amy also plays flute/piccolo and piano, in addition to being a member of Medina Community Band and Sounds of Sousa Band. She is also Vice President of the Medina Community Band Association. Amy resides in Wadsworth with her husband Frank, and three children Kenneth, Eva and Simon



Marcia Nelson Kline, trumpet soloist. Copley resident Marcia Nelson Kline began her trumpet studies with parents Milton and Sarah Nelson, Lloyd Haines, and further advanced her studies with Harry Herforth and James Darling. She is a member of Medina Community Band (since 1984) and Brass Band of the Western Reserve (since 1997) and has performed with Marcus Neiman's Sound of Sousa Band, Mill Street Brass Quintet, and Cleveland Women's Orchestra. She is featured as a cornet soloist on Medina Community Band's CD "Sounds of Summer". Marcia has an associate degree in medical assisting from The University of Akron and is a retired ophthalmic technician from Cleveland Clinic.

Paul V. Rocco, trumpet trio, originally from Brooklyn, New York, studied trumpet at SUNY at Fredonia, later completing a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Music at the University of Akron. While at The University of Akron, he studied with Tucker Jolly and Scott Johnston, continuing with Geoff Hardcastle after graduation. Rocco moved to Ohio to take the position of police officer for the City of Medina, retiring in 2009 after 20 years of service. He became a member of Medina Community Band in 1989. He also performs with the Brass Band of the Western Reserve. Rocco is presently teaching private trumpet lessons for Barberton Middle and High Schools, and Green Middle School. He resides in Medina with wife Gayle, son Gary, three rescue dogs and a cat.



Hannah Tramonte, soprano vocal soloist, is going to be a senior at Highland High School and has been singing, performing, and involved in musical theater since third grade. This past year Hannah recorded and released her first original single "Fighter", won first place in Ohio NATS, is a semi-finalist in NATS National Student Auditions in Chicago, and a Top 5 finalist in the Hammerstein International Youth Solo Competition. Hannah was also nominated for Playhouse Square's Best Actress Dazzle Award, was a TOP 10 Finalist in Shining Star CLE 2020 and a Top 3 finalist in Broadway World's "Next on Stage" national musical theatre competition. Hannah's most memorable roles are Matilda in *Matilda*, Cosette in *Les Misérables* at Near West Theatre, and Wendy in *Peter Pan* at the Akron Civic Theatre. Hannah has also enjoyed performing the National Anthem for the Cleveland Indians and Akron Rubber Ducks. Hannah has been a vocal student of Denise Milner Howell for seven years and would like to thank everyone for this wonderful

opportunity.

In Remembrance

Cheryl Elaine Mravetz

June 6, 1947 – October 15, 2021



Cheryl Elaine Mravetz (nee Shingleton), age 74, of Sharon Center Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Friday October 15. She was born on June 6, 1947, to Clarence and Pearl Mae Shingleton.

She enjoyed freestyle canoeing, adaptive paddling, canoeing sojourns, volunteering her time, singing in the church choir, gardening. She also loved animals, spending time with family and friends. She was a parishioner of Sharon Center United Methodist Church.

Elaine was a very well-respected educator for over 30 years and touched the lives of thousands of students.

Elaine is survived by her spouse of 41 years Robert J. Mravetz. Her children Stephen Sean (Kristin) Sudduth, Matthew (Tara) Mravetz, Lisa (Michael) Sudduth, Peter (Ariane) Mravetz. Her grandchildren Murphy, Noah, Luke, Lily, Vi, Sage. Her siblings Marlene (Sid) Jackson, Bruce (Rebecca) Shingleton, and Denise (Joe) Deegan and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Clarence Shingleton and Pearl Mae Shingleton.

Marilyn Klass Sigel

December 9, 1936 – May 27, 2020

Marilyn Klass Sigel passed away after a long illness on May 27, 2020. She was born December 9, 1936, to Clara and Irving Klass in Dayton, Ohio. With a BA in English from Miami University and a BS in Education and a Certificate in Special Education from Ohio State University, Marilyn then taught at Chatham Elementary and became a long-term substitute teacher, primarily in Black River Local Schools. She was Vice-President of Sigel Cattle Company for 58 years located at Damar Farm in Homerville, Ohio. Devoted to her community, Marilyn was involved in many organizations, including as a board member. She was particularly active in the American Cancer Society, the Black River PTO, Cub Scout Leader, Medina County Arts Council, Eastern Stars, Homerville Ruritan Club, Black River Comedy Club, Temple B'nai Abraham Sisterhood, Hadassah, Leadership Medina County and Gleaners. Marilyn was a philanthropist. She contributed to over 50 charities, taught cooking and reading to the underprivileged, and donated a room to Lodi Hospital's emergency wing. Over the years she also spearheaded many fundraisers for political candidates.



She is survived by her loving husband David of 58 years, three children, Elizabeth (Tim Bouchard) of Great Falls, Virginia, Thomas, Medina, Ohio and Rozalind (David Kahn), San Anselmo, California, four grandchildren, Max and Jacob Bouchard and Clara and Mira Kahn, brother Donald (Harriet) Klass of Waynesville, Ohio, sister Joan Klass Levin of San Francisco, California, numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Clara Klass, and sister, Barbara Klass Sokol.

Thoughts about Marilyn Sigel

Written by Retired Pastor Pat Edington (Homerville Methodist Church)

Delivered by Rabbi Lauren Werber on June 27, 2021, graveside at Agudath Achim Cemetery, South Amherst, Ohio

Proverbs 31: "Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is worth more than precious rubies. Her husband can trust her and she will greatly enrich his life. She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her." **Marilyn Sigel, a woman of substance.**

Several years ago, Marilyn asked me to speak at her funeral. She was not specific about the content of the message. Was it to be a eulogy or a homily? Let us roll one into the other as we talk about our dear Marilyn.

A Medina County elected official described her as "a great woman, wife, mother, caring grandma, friend, humanitarian and a bright star in the world, in our community and all of our lives." A local resident knew her as "a happy, delightful person and always willing to help a cause." Someone else called her amazing.

She was amazing: a business partner with David for 58 years proving to be a virtuous and capable wife, a patron of the arts loving opera and the ballet and, of course, a supporter of ORMACO, a mother to her three children, the grandmother of four, a sister. She was energetic and strong and a hard worker.

Thomas describes his mom as "beautiful, elegant, intelligent and philanthropic." She was a **very** generous contributor to any number of charities regardless of their affiliation to a particular group. She

once came to the rescue of the church where I served (Homerville United Methodist) thinking we were in need of a financial boost when buying a piece of property. Yes, she extended a helping hand to the poor and opened her arms to the needy.

Marilyn did so much well. She was a great cook and an inspired hostess, a fun person, a good friend to all, but most importantly, Marilyn was a godly woman. She lived the tenets of her Jewish faith. She believed in the one God and the relational covenant between that God and herself. She lived her life being just and compassionate. She was humble. While sharing a Yom Kippur meal with Marilyn, David and friends, Marilyn turned to me asking for forgiveness if she had hurt me in any way during the past year. Though this question was a ritual of this meal, it nonetheless must have been a hard question to ask not knowing the response. Only a humble person could ask the question. Marilyn Sigel was **"good people."**

Yes, Marilyn was a woman of substance, a woman of strong character. There was more to her than meets the eye. She had a variety of interests outside and within her home and family. She was more precious than rubies. I cannot compliment my friend with any stronger words.

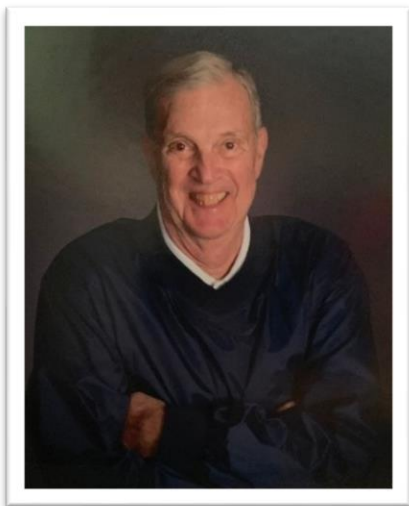
Dr. D. James Kennedy a well-known Presbyterian pastor said the following and I think it echoes the sentiment of every man or woman whose life is grounded in their faith..... And I quote...

"Now, I know that someday I am going to come to what some people will say is the end of this life. They will probably put me in a box, and some people will gather around, and a few people will cry. But I have told them not to do that because I do not want them to cry because I am not going to be there, and I am not going to be dead. I will be more alive than I have ever been in my life. I will remember those of you who are in the land of the dying and have not yet joined me in the land of the living. And I will be alive forevermore, in greater health and vitality and joy than ever, ever, I or anyone has known before."

God bless you, dear Marilyn. Shalom

Frederick Joseph Duprow

December 6, 1937 – July 26, 2020



Age 82, of Middleburg Heights, Ohio passed away surrounded by family on Sunday, July 26, 2020. Dearly beloved husband of 56 years to Carolyn (Erdodi), loving father of Chris and David (Christine), dearest Grandfather "PaPa Moose" of Ella and Elena, dear brother of Mary Nelson and Betty Kulis (both deceased), dear uncle and friend of too many to name.

Fred was a veteran of the Ohio Army National Guard and began his professional career as a Frozen Food Salesman at Cliffdale (Deep Sea Foods). Although he enjoyed his time selling frozen foods he found his greatest joy selling Florida orange juice internationally.

Fred lovingly volunteered his time to a variety of organizations. Such as Berea Jaycees, Indian Guides, Boy Scouts, Bingo Caller (St. Bart's and St. Mary's), Holy Name Society, Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Berea City Court Bailiff, Middleburg Heights Planning and Zoning Board. Fred had a charismatic personality, an infectious

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Medina Community Band



Banding together to celebrate a new land. The Medina Community Band traces its beginnings back to 1859, when a group of local wind and percussion players got together (some with formal training - others without) to perform music for the community. That first "community band" was called *The Medina Silver Cornet Band*, probably since the instruments the musicians used were primarily "silver lacquer coated" cornets or percussion. Since its beginning in 1859, that the band has been in existence, there have been 20 directors. **Marcus Neiman** has served as conductor since 1972 with **John Connors** serving as assistant conductor (since 2015), and **Matthew Hastings** as assistant conductor (since 2019), and **Amy Muhl**, as assistant conductor (since 2022)

Early versions of the band probably existed at the pleasure of the square's business community, who often funded the season and encouraged patrons to attend the concerts. The performance night has changed over the years, in most cases at the urging of the business community, and season concerts have been given on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Since the 1970s, the band has been supported by donations from the general public and, to this day, is supported through these donations. Band members donate their time and talent to rehearsing and performing for the community as members of the ensemble.

Since the 1970s, Medina Community Band has traveled outside Medina to perform: Ashland Brookside Bandstand (1980, 81, 93); Bay Village (Connections Series 1990, 91, 92); Canton (Kent State Stark Community Band Exchange Concerts 1995, 96, 98, 99); Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland Youth Winds Exchange concerts – Severance Hall – 2002 and 07, Medina, 2005); Cleveland State University (2010, 13); Dalton (Wayne County Schools Honors Bands 1983); Mentor (Lakeland Civic Band Festival 1985 and 1990); Mercer (PA) (with Mercer Community Band, 2009); Milan (EHOVE Career Center, 1993-2007); and, Wadsworth (Wadsworth Community Band Festival 2007). In February of 2015, Medina Community Band was selected by blind audition to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference in Cleveland.

Regional and nationally known conductors have appeared with Medina Community Band. Since the 1970, the following individuals have appeared as guest conductors: David Adamson; William Bauer (Florida State University); Frank Cosenza (Mentor, OH); Albert Oliver Davis; Paul Droste (Ohio State University); John Boyd (Indiana State University); Wayne Gorder (Kent State University); John Franklin (Kent State University); Patricia Ann Grutzmacher (Kent State University); Richard Jackoboice (University of Akron); Robert Jorgensen (University of Akron); Galen Karriker (University of Akron); Jesse Leyva (Kent State University); Gene Milford (University of Akron); Nathan Muehl (St. Petersburg College, Florida); Bill Park (North Royalton Community Band); David Seiberling (Moore Community Band); Edmund J. Siennicki; and, Nathan Stark (Montana State University).

The following individuals have been commissioned, or have written, or arranged, works for Medina Community Band: Douglas Court; Albert Oliver Davis; Robert Feldbush; Percy Hall; Floyd O. Harris; Stuart Ling; Gene Milford; Bill Park; Tadd Russo; David Schaffer; David Seiberling; Edmund J. Siennicki; Gail Sigmund; and Jonathan Tietz.

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