

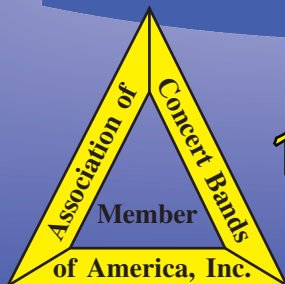
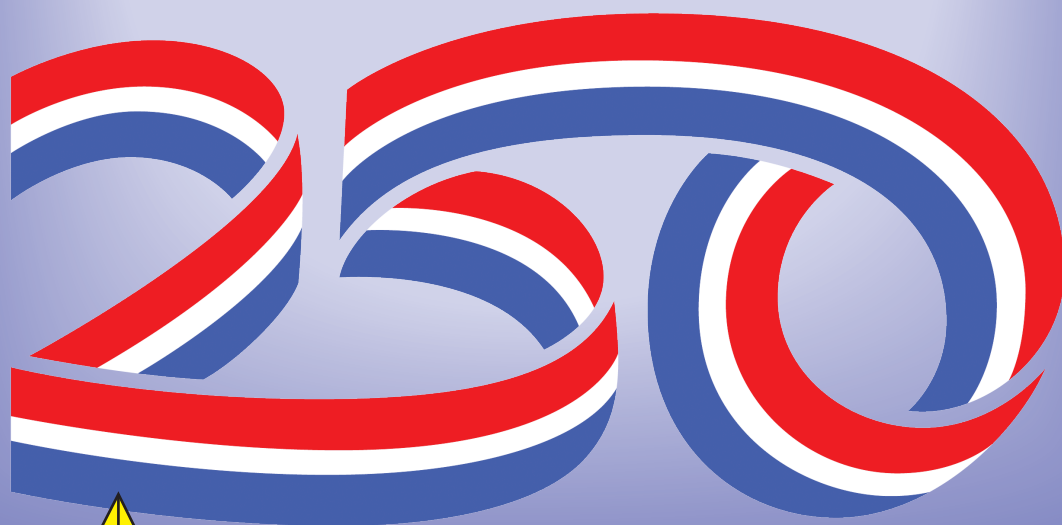
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This summer, the band will perform at a variety of locations throughout Racine, with special appearances at the Racine Gathers for America's 250th event, the Racine Zoo, and the DeKoven Center. Each concert offers a different experience and a chance to enjoy some of Racine's most unique gathering spaces.

From our lakefront and downtown to our parks and historic venues, summer is one of the best times

to experience everything Racine has to offer. I encourage you to enjoy the season, support local destinations and events, and take advantage of the many opportunities to connect with neighbors, friends, and visitors throughout the community.

My thanks go to Music Director and Conductor Mark Eichner, the musicians of the Racine Concert Band, the many volunteers, and the supporters whose continued dedication helps keep this long-standing tradition thriving for future generations.

Thank you for being part of another wonderful season of music in Racine.



Sincerely,

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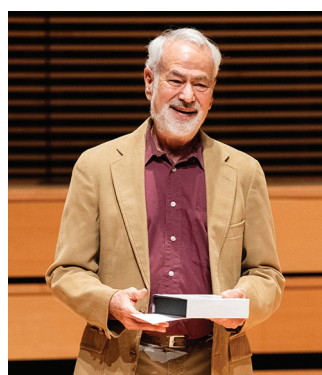
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Mark Eichner

Mark Eichner was awarded the Racine Arts Council 2026 Heart of the Arts prize for longstanding artistic commitment, positive impact on the thriving Racine Arts scene, dedication and leadership of the Racine Concert Band since 2002, and education outreach activities in RUSD high schools.

A music educator for 41 years, he was the Wind Ensemble and

Community Band Conductor, trumpet instructor, and a teacher of coursework in Music Education at UW-Parkside from 1982-2014. He served as Department Chair from 1998-2007.

As a trumpeter, he performed in the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, the Wisconsin Philharmonic, the Chicagoland Pops Orchestra, the Brass Band of Battle Creek, the Florentine Opera, the Woodstock Mozart Festival.

As the founder of BrassWorks, he led brass quintet performances including a nationally broadcast concert at the Chicago Cultural Center, civic festivals, university recitals and assisted the Canadian Brass in their Wisconsin tour performances.

Don Rosen is a broadcast veteran of over 50 years. Currently, he is heard mornings 6-9am on WRJN: 1400 AM, 99.9 FM and 98.1 FM. Don and his wife Terry have always been fans of the Racine Concert Band Sunday night concerts at the zoo.



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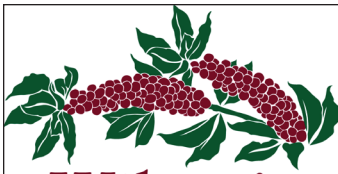
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- Johnson Rag Guy Hall & Henry Kleinhauf
- America the Beautiful . . . Samuel Ward & Katharine Bates
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- Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa
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- The Star Spangled Banner. Francis Scott Key
- Festive Dance from *Faust* Charles Gounod
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 Strike Up the Band. George & Ira Gershwin
 AMERICA 250 Civil War Suite Harold Walters
 Prelude, Siciliano, and Rondo Malcolm Arnold
 Someone to Watch Over Me George & Ira Gershwin
 We Saw the Sea Irving Berlin
 Jeanie Hatfield
 His Honor Henry Fillmore
 Finale from *Concierto de la Latina*. Luis Barroso
 Beth Kapralian, flute
 Firehouse Rag Stephen Kent Goodman
 Oliver! Lionel Bart
 The Very Thought of You Roy Noble
 I've Got a Song for You Shirley Bassey
 Jeanie Hatfield
 The Wizard of Oz *concert suite* Harold Arlen
 The Liberty Bell John Philip Sousa



1544th Free Concert
SUNDAY, JULY 26
 7:30 P.M.
 Racine Zoo
Darlene Kelsey, soprano
Kyle Miskovic, xylophone



The Star Spangled Banner. Francis Scott Key
 The Electric Shock. Giacomo Puccini
 The Mikado *concert suite*. Arthur Sullivan
 AMERICA 250 The Battle of Trenton James Hewitt
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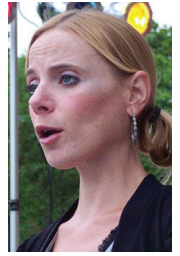
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- The Star Spangled Banner. Francis Scott Key
- Foshay Tower Washington Memorial. John Philip Sousa
- Hosannah! Theodore Dubois
- Overture to *The Thievish Magpie*. Giachino Rossini
- Where'er You Walk. G. F. Handel
- Stranger in Paradise from *Kismet* Alexander Borodin,
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 Ayesu Lartey
- The Foundation Edward Franko Goldman
- Pie in the Face *Polka*. Henry Mancini
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- Old Man River Jerome Kern
- Young at Heart Carolyn Leigh & John Richards
 Ayesu Lartey
- Irving Berlin Showstoppers. arr. John Higgins
- From Maine to Oregon. John Philip Sousa



1546th Free Concert
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
 6:00 P.M.
 DeKoven Center

Allison Hull,
mezzo-soprano
Sam Lail, trumpet



- The Star Spangled Banner. Francis Scott Key
- Whip and Spur Thomas Allen
- Where Eagles Soar Steven Reinecke
- Tonadillas Suite Enrique Granados
- O Del Mio Amata Ben (Of My Dearly Beloved) . . Stefano Donaudy
- Bless This House May Brahe
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- Pentland Hills James Howe
-  Songs of the Revolution Samuel Adler
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- On the Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe . Johnny Mercer & Harry Warren
- Do Nothin' 'til You Hear from Me Duke Ellington
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- Themes Like Old Times John Edmonson
- The Thunderer John Philip Sousa

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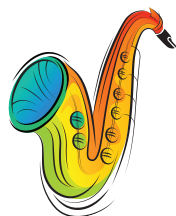
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1547th Free Concert
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- The Star Spangled Banner Francis Scott Key
- Columbia's Pride John Philip Sousa
- Overture to *Italian in Algiers* Giacomo Rossini
- Two Pigeons ballet suite André Messager
- The Last Spring Edvard Grieg
- Laughing Song from *Die Fledermaus (The Bat)* . . Johann Strauss II
 Melissa Cardamone, soprano
- March of the Steel Men Charles Belsterling
- Music in the Air concert suite Jerome Kern
- Autumn Soliloquy James Barnes
 Stuart Sutter, oboe
- AMERICA
 John Henry arr. Mack Davis
- The Windmills of Your Mind . . Michel Legrand, Alan & Marilyn Berman
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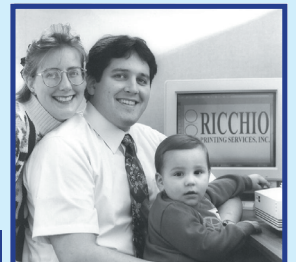
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