

THE WESTPORT COMMUNITY BAND

The Westport Community Band, founded in 1977, is composed of adult musicians from Fairfield and Westchester counties. Its members represent a variety of professional backgrounds and bring diverse musical experiences to the group, but all share an interest in exploring challenging concert band literature, improving individual technique, and creating music as an ensemble, while bringing excellent entertainment to our audiences and enjoyment to ourselves. Under the direction of Sal LaRusso, the group performs a wide variety of music, including concert band compositions, show tunes, marches, a little pop, and classical transcriptions. The Band regularly performs at numerous events in Fairfield County, including the Westport Memorial Day Parade and the outdoor concert series at the Levitt Pavilion. The Band is a non-profit voluntary organization, affiliated with Westport Continuing Education, whose membership is open to all. Auditions are not required, but the ability to play at a level compatible with the Band's repertoire is essential.

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

The Greenwich High School Band Program is recognized as one of the finest high school programs in the tri-state area. This program serves almost 200 students in three concert bands and a percussion ensemble. The GHS Wind Ensemble, the organization's premier group, has performed at the Connecticut Music Educator's Convention and MENC Eastern Division Conference. In addition, all three GHS concert groups, which include Symphony Band and Concert Band, have performed exchange concerts with ensembles in China, Cuba, England and Greece. These performing ensembles have participated in numerous local, regional and national festivals and have consistently received top ratings and awards. Annually, many members of the band program can regularly be found in the Connecticut Western Region and All-State Bands and Orchestras. Most recently, the GHS Wind Ensemble was selected as one of the regional and national winners of the National Band Association's Programs of Excellence Blue Ribbon

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Dr. Stamp received his Bachelor of Science in Music Education degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), a Master's in Percussion Performance from East Carolina University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Conducting from Michigan State University. Currently serving as "International Composer in Association" to the world-renowned Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band, Dr. Stamp recently served as visiting professor of music at Luther College, where he was acting director of bands and taught conducting. He retired from full-time employment in 2015 as Professor of Music and Director of Band Studies at IUP, but he remains active as a guest conductor, clinician, adjudicator, and composer throughout North America and Great Britain. His compositions have been commissioned and performed by leading military and university bands across the United States. He is also a contributing author to the "Teaching Music Through Performance in Band" series released by GIA Publications.