

THE SOUNDS OF SAWNEE

The Magic of Great Music



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Dr. Richard K. (Rick) Forbus grew up in a musical and artistic home where his father Kenneth Y. Forbus was the music director for 30+ years at the First Baptist Church of Greenville, MS. Rick holds a BME in band and orchestra, a MCM in musical theory and composition, minors in psychology and holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Resource Management & Leadership. Rick is the Classic Worship Leader and Executive Pastor of First Baptist Cumming, Georgia. Over the last years he has been CEO - Executive Coach & Advisor at Trove, Inc. He served as Minister of Music for 17 years at FBC Snellville, Georgia and has led and coordinated the music for the Southern Baptist Convention Pastors' Conferences and the annual SBC meetings. Rick loves growing and building music ministries! He has studied Executive Coaching with one of the coaches at The Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, NC. Rick also studied at CoachU and George Washington University to increase his expertise in coaching and leadership applications to project managers. Rick has been a full-time executive coach, professional trainer and speaker. He maintains an active speaking engagement schedule and is a highly sought-after corporate retreat and workshop facilitator. In his career, Rick has trained, coached or presented speeches to over 48,000 people. He is the author of five books. Rick, and his wife Nancy enjoy the beach and the mountains, and spend time at both as often as possible. Rick believes in the magic of great music!

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The band has a rich history. Please visit our website at <https://soundsofsawnee.org> to learn more. We love to play and we would love to play for your event. Although we have **seasonal concerts**, we would enjoy playing for your company event, your non-profit program, your employee recognition dinner or your community's special day. Go to the website and complete the concert form and one of our ambassadors will connect with you to explore if we can play for your program.



Our regular seasonal concerts are:

- ✦ **Christmas Concert (Early December)**
- ✦ **Celtic Concert (Spring)**
- ✦ **Broadway and Show Tunes Concert - (Fall/September/October)**
- ✦ **Patriotic Concert (Summer/July)**

With enough notice, the band can customize an event program for your organization. Some ideas would be:

- ✦ A Broadway and Movie Theme Concert
- ✦ Christmas Sing-a-Long with religious music and a choir
- ✦ St. Patrick Celebration
- ✦ Grand Opening Event (Patriotic, Marches and fun songs)
- ✦ Classical Concert with optional ballet dancers and other vocal options

THE SUPPORT NEEDED

As a non-profit group support is needed to continue our vibrant community band. We practice many Monday nights at 7:00pm preparing for the next concert or event. Our members are not paid; this is a volunteer organization. Volunteerism in itself is an amazing feature. Each member drives to our rehearsal site, some driving over 45 minutes to attend. Many members bring their own music stand, and help set up chairs and percussion equipment. Most towns, hamlets or cities cannot boast of a **community band** anymore. A favorite older television show, *The Andy Griffith Show*, illuminated the community band. These episodes featured camaraderie, civic pride and the beautiful element of team work and unity within diversity. There was some humor in those episodes and sometimes the band did not play very well, but the community pride and general human spirit was evident.

The Sounds of Sawnee Community Band, based in Cumming, Georgia is fraught with diversity of experience, vocational backgrounds and interests. The common denominator is the love of band music! We love to play, laugh together and perform for supportive and endearing audiences. This phenomenon creates an evident synergy between the band and the listeners. We could help you bring a special "spirit" to an event. Have you ever considered including a "live" concert band in your event? How can this happen for you? Contact us and let's discuss the possibilities.

We have a need for:

- ♦ **Donors** - one-time or annual supporters who give financially to the band organization
- ♦ **Memorial Givers** - these donors give to memorialize someone - some give towards a band score and the person they memorialize is named on the Musical Score and mentioned in the program
- ♦ **Partners** - these partners give to brand their business, charity or organization and a minimum level of \$2,500 annually. The band's website, programs and other social media promotions list these partners and their website and contact info. On some occasions a Partner may sponsor a concert or event.
- ♦ **Patrons** - These donors give legacy gifts to sustain the band with its commitment to growth and to help the band to flourish with its mission. These patrons give a legacy gift of \$7500 or more as a

one-time gift or an annual pledge. Patrons can be recognized in the programs, website and sometimes as a concert patron. (E.g. This Patriotic Concert is brought to you by our Patron.....)

- ♦ **Legacy Benefactors** - These donors either give a substantial legacy gift that sustains the Sounds of Sawnee for years to come or have made the decision to leave a legacy gift through the financial mechanism of a financial asset gift: legacy might include **savings, investments, property, or even a business that you plan to pass onto the sustainable future of the Sounds of Sawnee.** The minimum legacy gift is \$20,000 or greater, including legacy assets left to the Sounds of Sawnee via the financial mechanisms mentioned above. As with Patrons, Legacy Benefactors are listed on the website, the programs and other social media promotions, along with a special recognition Press Release and an Award Ceremony. Benefactors may also name a legacy concert or memorialize a loved one or non-profit (as approved by THE BOARD) annually. (E.g. Tonight's Celtic Concert is brought to you by our Legacy Benefactor...)

Donations can be received through the website, by check or bank transfer. Contact us through the website.



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