

## YACCB summer concert season - 2022

The Youngstown Area Community Concert Band (YACCB) is preparing music for their 2022 summer concert season. This will mark the 39th year for the band, which was formed in 1983. The theme this year is "Celebrating Ohio Music and Composers".

Many famous marches are both about Ohio and written by Ohio composers. They include "Men Of Ohio," "The Crosley March," "The Klaxon," and "The Ohio Special," written by either Henry Fillmore or Karl L. King. Cleveland born Clare Grundman is mostly known for his great arrangements. An arranger is one who takes previously written melodies, from other composers, and "arranges" them together as a medley, with a common theme. Pieces performed by Grundman are "Fantasy On American Sailing Songs," "Scottish Rhapsody," and "American Folk Rhapsody #1." A fourth medley by Grundman is "The Blue And The Gray," written in 1961. This piece features melodies cherished by the Northern and Southern soldiers during the Civil War. One melody in the selection is "Dixie", which was written by Daniel Decatur Emmett who was born in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

James Swearingen, of Dayton, Ohio, is a fine composer and arranger of music for concert band. James has earned degrees from Bowling Green State University and The Ohio State University. He is currently Chair of Music Education at Capital University and arranges for The Ohio State Marching Band. Many of his compositions are a staple of high school band literature throughout the country. Featured Swearingen pieces by the YACCB will include "Novena," "All Glory Told," "Deep River," and "Flight Of Valor." "Flight Of Valor" was commissioned by the Somerset, Pennsylvania Community Band. The piece was written as a tribute for and about the heroes of Flight 93, which went down in a farmer's field near Shankesville, in Somerset County. The music, with its many moods, vividly depicts the battle for control of the plane and the tragic end to the aircraft. It also praises the gallantry of the passengers who may have saved the Whitehouse or the Capitol Building and countless lives.

Composer Steven Reineke, of Tipp City, Ohio, received degrees in trumpet performance and composition from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His compositions "Rise Of The Firebird" and "Main Street Celebration" will be performed. Another Ohio composer and musician is Henry Mancini. Henry was born in the "Little Italy" section of Cleveland. When he was a young child his family moved to Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, a town down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh. In an arrangement titled "Mancini Magic" you will hear some of his most famous melodies such as "Pink Panther," "Moon River," "Peter Gunn," and "Baby Elephant Walk."

You will also hear a march by John Philip Sousa named "The Black Horse Troop." Sousa is not from Ohio, but the march is dedicated to Troop A, from Cleveland. Performances on or near

the 4th Of July will feature a few patriotic selections, such as "America The Beautiful," Clare Grundman's "Concord," a tribute to the marches of the Armed Forces of The United States and Sousa's "Stars And Stripes Forever."

The performance schedule is as follows:

May 15, 1:00, St. Luke's Church Festival

June 29, 6:30, Buhl Farm Park, Sharon, Pa.

July 7, 7:00, Boardman Park

July 19, 7:00, Austintown Township Park

July 24, 4:00, Boardman Park

August 5, 7:30, Mercer County Courthouse, Mercer, Pa.

August 11, 7:00, Copeland Oaks Retirement Community

The July 24th concert at Boardman Park is the YACCB's annual "Music In The Park With Friends", with the "friends" referring to a guest community band. This year the Geauga Fair Band will come down to share the stage with the YACCB.

The concert on August 5 is part of the Mercer, Pennsylvania Summer Concert Series. Other performing groups are mostly from Mercer County and Western Pennsylvania during the summer series. These concerts are held in the shadow of the County Courthouse on Friday evenings. The series is hosted by the Mercer Community Band.

As a dedication to the people of Ukraine, each concert this summer will begin with the playing of their National Anthem, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner." The music of Ukraine is provided by the ACB, The Association Of Concert Bands, which the YACCB is a member. Many community bands across our country will be doing the same at their concerts this summer.

The YACCB is a non-profit organization and all concerts are free to the public. The volunteer amateur musicians that make up the group come from Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. They range in age from high school age to many members who are in their 70's and up. The band is conducted by Joseph G. Pellegrini, a graduate of the Navy School of Music and Youngstown State University's Dana School Of Music. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 at Austintown Middle School, during the school year, and the YSU band room in the summer months. New members are always welcome and all information about the band, including added performances to the 2022 season, can be found at the website [YACCB.org](http://YACCB.org) We hope you can attend some or all of the concerts this summer, and celebrate "Ohio Music and Composers."