

Greetings and Welcome!

Whether this is your first time joining us or you are a seasoned veteran, we are so glad that you are choosing to make music with us in this historic 185th season of the Adrian City Band! In this document you will find important information you will need for the summer.

Schedule & Attendance:

Below is a schedule for the summer. We are happy to have you join us for whatever amount of time you are able to commit; even if it is only for a few weeks here and there. We are in a unique position during the summer because our concert series and rehearsal schedule allow for musicians to come and go through the summer as needed for family vacations, etc. We typically program new music each week so it adds to our flexibility to adapt to whoever is available each week.

With that being said, if you know you will not be with us for a week or two, it is helpful for us to know so we can plan accordingly. (*i.e.: A week with no trumpets is not the week to program Bugler's Holiday*) It is expected that if you plan to play the concert on any Thursday that you do make every effort to attend the rehearsal on the Tuesday prior, but we understand sometimes conflicts will occur.

Summer Schedule (as of 5/1/22)

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 2, 2022 6:30PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 9, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 16, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 23, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 30, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Monday July 4, 2022 Call time TBA | Fourth of July Parade

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 7, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 14, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 21, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, July 26, 2022 6:45PM Call | Run-out Concert @ Lenawee County Fair

Thursday, July 28, 2022 6:30PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, August 4, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, August 9, 2022 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, August 11, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert



**Tuesday, August 16, 2022 7PM –9PM | Rehearsal ** (Rain date)

Thursday, August 18, 2022 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert (Rain Date)

Thursday, September 15, 2020 7PM–9PM | Rehearsal

Sunday, September 18, 2022 2PM Call, 3PM Downbeat Run-out Concert @ Artalicious

All rehearsals and performances will take place at our usual place: The Toledo Street Pavilion in downtown Adrian unless otherwise specified.

Concert Plans:

We are thrilled to be partnering again this year with the Adrian Noon Rotary Club and are welcoming Adrian Insurance as an additional sponsor of our Thursday evening summer concerts! And while the music for each concert is still being finalized and always changes up until the last minute, I am happy to share the themes for each week! You can expect to play many of our City Band favorites with several new selections to keep our concerts fresh and exciting.

June 9: Pure Michigan: A Perfect Start to Summer

We start off another summer of fun with music from and about the people, places, and memories we share of America's High Five! Some other summer favorites too!

June 16: Lights, Camera, Action!

The music that made the movies! Old favorites, and new classics from both the big screen and the small.

June 23: The BIG 185!

This will be our special 185th anniversary concert with guest conductors and music of The Adrian City Band past, present, and future.

June 30: Our America!

We salute our nation's heroes and celebrate all of the things that make living in this country so special with our typical pre-Fourth of July patriotic concert.

July 7: Forces of Nature

Raging rivers, mysterious winter winds, heat, fire, oceans, and jungles are explored.

July 14: Kid Stuff

I am really excited to change the format a little this year with a narrated version of Peter and the Wolf for wind band. There will still be plenty of other kid favorites from Disney the Lego Movie and other children's music.

July 21: Shall We Dance?

Bring your dancing shoes! Tangos, polkas, rhumbas and more!

July 26: Lenawee County Fair Concert

Because this concert is on a Tuesday and takes the place of our rehearsal, for this performance we will choose from pieces we have already done so far this summer. The fair has a patriotic theme so expect a lean towards the red, white, and blue.

July 28th Some Strings Attached

This will be a combined concert with young string and band students from the National Homeschool Music Ensembles. We will rehearse one or two selections for this concert each week as we will not have a rehearsal on Tuesday. I am working directly with the students ahead of their time with us to make sure they are also well prepared. Call time for this performance will be a little earlier than others so we can spot check a few more things with the student musicians.

August 4: Show Stoppers

Unforgettable musical Moments from some of the biggest and best staged musical productions.

August 11: Fixtures & Fluctuations

A fun concert of familiar melodies given fresh treatment and old favorites appreciated from a new perspective. Core repertoire and music inspired by it.

If you have a favorite tune you would like me to try to include feel free to drop me a line. It is not too late, and I love hearing from you and getting your input!

Inclement weather:

In the event that a rehearsal or concert needs to be postponed or moved for any reason, a mass text, an email and Facebook post will be sent and notice will be given to WLEN 103.9FM.

Text @acb185 to the number 81010 to join the remind Mass Text Group

We will try to make these decisions at least an hour before the start time as each situation allows.

Covid-19:

In the midst of the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic we want you to feel as comfortable participating with us as possible. We remind you that we are a mask friendly organization and while we do not require masks to be worn, They are recommended by the CDC and others for the health fragile, those who are not vaccinated or anyone else who may feel more comfortable wearing one. Please feel empowered, accepted, and welcome to bring and wear a mask if you so choose. Please continue to respect other people's personal space and varied levels of comfort with social interactions during this time. If you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 please refrain from attending rehearsals and performances. Please let us know if you have tested positive for Covid-19 and may have possibly exposed others at one of our rehearsals or performances. Your identifying information will be kept as private as possible.

Parking:

For rehearsals parking is available in any of the spaces immediately around the pavilion. On concert days, we ask that those who are more able-bodied leave the closer spaces available for concert-goers who are of less mobility and stamina.

Music:

Hard copies of the sheet music for each week will be available as they have in years past. The next weeks music will be available to take home after each concert on Thursdays. Music will also be made available digitally upon request.

Uniforms:

Our uniform for concerts will continue to be a dark blue or black from the waist down, and a City Band polo shirt (provided to new members) or lighter blue from the waist up. Shorts, skirts, pants, jeans are all acceptable. Please dress to be comfortable in the summer weather.

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WHAT YOU SHOULD DO BEFORE THE FIRST REHEARSAL:

Get On Our Email List:

If you are interested in performing with us even for a few weeks this summer, it would be extremely helpful to have some basic contact information ahead of time to help plan for music printing, setup needs, etc. This is not a commitment to perform but will help keep our email lists and contact information current.

Go to <https://adriancityband.org/join> and scroll down to fill out the form to get on our musician's email list.

This will insure you are getting the emails you need to about rehearsals and performances, etc. and we know how to reach you. We will not share your contact information with anyone.

Any emails will come from director@adriancityband.org. Be sure that you monitor your spam and junk mail folders as well.

Join the Mass Text Group:

Text @acb185 to the number 81010 to join the mass text group through the Remind App. You do not need the app on your phone to join this mass text service. You will not receive any additional messages only those of urgency regarding rehearsals and performances.

Invite others to perform with us:

Please feel free to forward this email along to anyone you think might be interested in performing with us this summer. We would love to have some new faces and in the group in addition to the familiar. It would be extra great to help fill out some of our smaller sections in the band like our clarinets & percussion.

Help us promote our concerts:

-If you are on Facebook please like and follow our page if you haven't already done so:

<https://www.facebook.com/adriancityband/> and then share our events on Facebook: In the next few week Facebook events for each of our concerts will be created and made public.

A flyer is also available on our facebook page and more will be available at our first few rehearsals for you to post.

-Share our concerts by word of mouth with your fans, as well as the people in your life & neighborhood!

Final thoughts

We are thrilled to have you join us this summer and look forward to making music and memories together soon! Over the past 185 years, the Adrian City Band has evolved and developed into an organization that is at its core, a place to share and develop a lifelong passion for music. Generations of musicians have shaped and molded it into a community of individuals who foster a welcoming and encouraging atmosphere and are embracing and accepting of anyone who takes the time out of their lives to be a part of this ensemble. A sense of humor and humility, as well as mutual respect, have also continued to provide us with opportunities to celebrate each other, cultivate treasured memories, and create lifelong friendships with each other and the community members who enjoy our performances. It is my sincere belief that these unique qualities and characteristics are what have sustained us and have led to the Adrian City Band's legacy and longevity.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions please feel free to contact me at any time. Email is preferred, but I understand sometimes a phone call or text is easier. I will do my best to make myself available to each of you.

Sincerely,
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