

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 186th 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 5/16/23)

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 1, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 8, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 15, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert:

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 22, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, June 29, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday July 4, 2023 Call time TBA | Fourth of July Parade

Wednesday July 5, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 6, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Saturday, July 8, 2023 Call time TBA | Ragtime Extravaganza performance at Plane Wave Campus

Tuesday, July 11, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 13, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, July 20, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 6:45PM Call | Run-out Concert @ Lenawee County Fair

Thursday, July 27, 2023 6:30PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, August 3, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Thursday, August 10, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal ** (Rain date)

Thursday, August 17, 2023 7PM Call, 7:30PM Downbeat | Concert (Rain Date)

Thursday, September 14, 2023 7PM – 9PM | Rehearsal

Sunday, September 17, 2023 Call time TBA | 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.

Tentative Concert Plans:

We are thrilled to be partnering again this year with the Adrian Noon Rotary Club as a sponsor of our Thursday evening summer concerts! We are also excited to have the Adrian DDA supporting us as well with promotion and adding to the concert experience. 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 we are tentatively planning for each week! You can expect to play many of our City Band favorites along with a few new selections to keep our concerts fresh and exciting.

June 8: Coming in Hot!!

We start off another summer of fun with music that reminds of summer fun, exotic adventures into the tropics and Latin music as well!

June 15: Music Through the Decades

Music of the 60's 70's and 80's

June 22: Guest Conductor: Program TBA

Director of Bands, Ryan Cupp from Adrian College will be our guest conductor for this concert.

June 29: Country Western

Music About the country, cowboys, prairies and the wild west.

July 6: America

This will be a patriotic concert

July 8: Ragtime Extravaganza Concert

Because this concert is on a Saturday, for this performance we will choose from pieces we have already done so far this summer. Expect a rag or two.

July 13: Summer nights

Music about sunsets, darkness, and the magic of a summer evening.

July 20: Christmas in July

I had so many requests for this theme. Holiday music will abound.

July 25: 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 27th The Bands in the Band

Because we will lose a rehearsal to the Fair performance, this concert will be made up of small ensembles made of members of the band. If you have a group that would like to play or piece of music in mind to play, please let me know!

August 3: Guest Conductor: Program TBA

Director of Bands, Dan Kesterke from Siena Heights University will be our guest conductor for this concert.

August 10: Showtunes

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

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!

Incident 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 @acb186 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.

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.

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 @acb186 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 or Instagram 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 weeks Facebook events for each of our concerts will be created and made public.

Instagram: @adriancityband | this is a new channel for us we are trying to get off the ground this year.

A flyer will be available on our Facebook page soon and more will be available at our first few rehearsals for you to distribute too!

-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 186 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 provided us with opportunities to celebrate each other, cultivate treasured memories, and create lifelong friendships across generations; both with each other as well as 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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