

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Alumni Band Members:

We hope this letter finds you well at the start of this new year! The band program has had an excellent beginning to 2019 and we are excited for what the semester will bring.

Next year, 2020, will be the Sesquicentennial of the Michigan State University Band Program. At this time, we are reaching out to all our alumni to share information regarding two special events to celebrate this occasion.

The fall of 2019 we will see the 150<sup>th</sup> edition of the Spartan Marching Band perform in Spartan Stadium. As a part of our celebration we hope to welcome back our largest alumni marching band in the history of our storied program. Our annual fall reunion will take place on homecoming weekend, September 28th, as the Spartans take on Indiana University! Featured in a special halftime show, we look to showcase over 1,000 performers in the combined Spartan Marching Band and Alumni Band! We encourage each of you to get your old squad back together and join us in East Lansing for this special weekend. Details for the weekend are beginning to come together to provide everyone an opportunity to plan, in advance, for this event. A *tentative* schedule is outlined below:

## Friday

12:00pm – Registration at Dem Hall  
3:00pm-5pm - Rehearsal with SMB  
6:00pm – Homecoming Parade with Alumni Band (optional)  
8:00pm – Reception @ MSU Union

## Saturday

8:00am – Rehearsal in Dem Hall  
8:30am – Rehearsal with SMB  
10:30am – March to stadium  
12:00pm – Kick-off (actual time TBD)



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The concert ensembles at Michigan State have a very long and prideful tradition as well established by Leonard Falcone, Kenneth Bloomquist and John Whitwell. Our program has grown from its beginnings as a large symphonic band into our current day three concert ensembles including: Wind Symphony, Symphony Band and Concert Band. We would like to celebrate with our very loyal alumni base on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> with a gala concert performance by all three bands. We plan to invite former conductors of each ensemble to return to campus to help us celebrate this very special anniversary. In addition to guest conductors, each band will give a world premiere of a piece that has been written to honor this special occasion.

Following the gala concert, on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020, we will host our annual Alumni Concert Band sharing a concert with our Spartan Youth Wind Symphony in Fairchild Auditorium. This will also be a very special event as we hope to have a record number of alumni join us along with all of the former conductors. Even if you've never participated in the spring reunion we welcome all. It would be great to see a 100-piece band on stage!

We hope you will add both of these important dates to your calendar and join us in the celebration our Sesquicentennial with our entire MSU Band Family!

Go Green!

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