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UPCOMING EVENTS

2010 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Saturday, September 25, 2010

Game Time: 12:00 p.m.

(Please check the alumni band web site, or your local paper the week of the game, and adjust this schedule accordingly.)

- 7:00–7:45 a.m. Registration (*NEW Band Hall in Demonstration Hall*)
- 8:00 a.m. Rehearsal starts
- 9:00 a.m. Drill rehearsal (*Dem Hall Field*)
- 9:50 a.m. LUNCH
- 10:50 a.m. Run-through on Adams Field (*formerly Landon Field*)
- 11:10 a.m. March to the stadium
- 11:20 a.m. Enter tunnel with pass (*go to seats*)
- 12:00 p.m. Kickoff

Public parking is available in the westmost lot at the corner of Kalamazoo and Harrison. For further parking information visit: <http://www.homefootball.msu.edu>.

2010 ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 24, 2010

9:00 a.m. at Oak Lane Golf Course

Please see insert for details.

2010 HOMECOMING PARADE

Friday, October 15, 2010

Parade details will be emailed to band members when they become available.

COLLEGE OF MUSIC COLLAGE CONCERT

Friday, Sept. 24, 2010

8:00 p.m. at the Wharton Center

Please see page 2 for details.

a Message from the President

Wow, can you believe it's been 40 years since Ken Bloomquist, with the help of Leonard Falcone's grade book, Bob Barker from the MSUAA, Henry Nelson, Eldon Rosegart, Al Peppel, Rich Astalos and Don Proko, formed the MSU Alumni Band Association. I missed the first three while in the Army at West Point and eagerly look forward to them every year. Returning to this beautiful campus brings back memories of things like ATL, wearing white shirts for dinner at Brody, only one meal on Sunday, Duffy's "a tie is like kissing your sister" and new dorms built almost every year. I'm sure your visit will jog many of your favorite memories too.

This is the 40th reunion and we'd like to make it a special day for all. With that theme in mind, all 16 past Presidents are being invited to return to campus to help celebrate 40 years of fun, camaraderie and tall tale-telling. Their names and years of service are listed on page 5, and will be on the website. Please join us in renewing old friendships and making new ones at this year's reunion. We'd also like to honor those that have made every reunion, even if you attended but didn't march in all of them. That's a rare feat that will be honored. Keep checking the website over the summer for any additions or changes to the plans for the reunion.

My tenure as alumni band president is drawing to a close and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this organization for the past two years. Time to pass the "gavel" and join the long list of past presidents. The executive board will present a slate of officers for 2011–2012 for vote in the business meeting at rehearsal on Sept. 25th. I'd like to thank in advance Gary Baron, Tim Fox, Joe Levine and Lynn Kelsey for their efforts on the nomination committee.

Thank you to all the members of the MSU Alumni Band Board for your service to MSU and support during my term as president. And thanks also to all the unnamed people who work behind the scenes on your behalf and represent not only MSU but the Alumni Band so well.

We look forward to you coming back to campus this year. Make an effort to contact another alum and have them come with you. No matter how many e-mails or newsletters we send, a personal invitation is still the best way to get others involved. I encourage you to participate in the activities and support the efforts of the association to keep the tradition going forward and look forward to seeing you at the fall reunion in September.

Bill Sachs, MSU Alumni Band Association President



John Madden, Henry Nelson, Kevin Sedatole, Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron.

Photo by Jim Barry

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a Message from the MSU Bands

It's been an exciting spring and summer for the MSU Bands, with even more in store for next year. The highlight of the spring semester was a hugely successful concert on April 24th featuring the Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, and MSU Choruses in an evening of music by Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award-winning composer John Corigliano. It was a wonderful evening for the MSU College of Music, and Mr. Corigliano commented that the Wind Symphony's performance of his monstrous Symphony No. 3, "Circus Maximus," was perhaps the finest he had heard anywhere. This is certainly high praise, coming from a composer who has worked with some of the best musicians in the world. In June, Dr. Sedatole and the University Bands hosted the 4th annual MSU Conducting Symposium, which welcomed 24 conductors from around the country to study with the MSU band faculty and guest clinician Jerry Junkin of The University of Texas at Austin.

Work is underway for the 2010 Spartan Marching Band season. This fall we will welcome 92 freshmen to the band for a season that will include seven home performances as well as the annual Spartan Spectacular on October 23rd. Also, the SMB has accepted a special invitation to perform as the exhibition band at the Bands of America Grand National Marching Band Competition on November 12th and 13th at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Next year also includes a full schedule of concerts by all of our concert bands. The Symphony Band, under the direction of John T. Madden, has accepted an invitation to perform at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids on January 20th, and the Wind Symphony and Symphony Band will share a concert on February 4th. Next year will also mark the second season for the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, an honors wind ensemble for high school students. Next season, SYWS will include 60 students from over 20 Michigan high schools, who will share concerts with the MSU Concert Band on December 5th, and the MSU Wind Symphony on April 17th.

**Cormac Cannon, MSU Assistant Professor of Music, Assistant Director of Bands
Associate Director of the Spartan Marching Band**

Join Us at Collage IV!

The Alumni Band Fall Reunion coincides with the College of Music Collage Concert, an evening featuring an exhilarating array of musical talent! Outstanding MSU student musicians and ensembles will perform selections from classical to contemporary and musical theatre to jazz. Join us Friday, Sept. 24 at the Wharton Center at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$20, \$18 (seniors) and \$10 (students and those under 18).

Welcome to Cormac Cannon



Cormac Cannon is an assistant professor of music, assistant director of bands, and associate director of the Spartan Marching Band at the Michigan State University College of Music. He conducts the Concert Band and Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, assists with the Spartan Marching Band and Spartan Brass athletic bands, and teaches courses in conducting and marching band methods.

Cannon earned his doctor of musical arts degree in conducting at the University of Texas at Austin in 2009. He received the master of music degree in wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the bachelor of music degree in percussion performance and music education from the University of Iowa. From 2001–05 Cannon served as director of bands at Williamsburg High School in Williamsburg, Iowa, and from 2006–07 was music director and conductor of the Cincinnati Youth Wind Ensemble.

An active composer, Cannon has received commissions from school and university ensembles throughout the United States, and has been honored by organizations including the National Band Association (2003 Young Composer Mentor Project) and the Dallas Wind Symphony (2007 Call for Fanfares). As an arranger for marching and concert ensembles, he has collaborated with groups throughout the country, including the nine-time Grammy-winning "Kings of Texas Swing" Asleep at the Wheel, and the electro-punk ensemble Ghostland Observatory. He is featured in *Composers on Composing for Band Volume IV*, published by GIA Music.

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Alderman, Dala ('99, *Color Guard*) and Pete live in Parma and work with the Western High School Band. Pete is an engineer and Dala teaches fifth grade. They have two kids Lily (5) and Adam (3).

Bale, Lisa ('82, *Big Ten Flags*) was extremely sad to learn that a fellow Big Ten Flag member, Jim Fetting passed away in 2007. Her heart and prayers go out to his family.

Beemer, Alissa ('99, *Mellophone*) and Tim welcomed their third child, Andrea in January. She joins brothers Benjamin (6) and Nathan (3).

Benzing, Pamela ('82, *Trumpet*) is a lieutenant with the Michigan State Police assigned to the criminal investigation division. In September she will have 25 years of service with the state.

Billig, T. Patrick ('79, *Baritone*) completed his fourth trip to China with the Windiana Concert Band where he was featured as a soloist at four of the concerts.

Braciszewski, Terry ('79, *Trumpet*) shares that Terry Bs Restaurant & Bar is in its fourth year of operation in Dexter and has been recognized by the Wine Spectator of the Year and as a "comfortable place to be" by *Hour* magazine.

Broka, Thomas (*Baritone*) and Joyce are going back to their roots — moving to Beaverton, MI where they both grew up, on the Broka family property where Tom spent his childhood.

Carl, Carrie ('94, *Mellophone*) is in her 16th year of teaching middle school science. She and her husband, Bob, have been married 10 years and have two wonderful children, Kaylie (3) and Benjamin (4 months).

Carlson, Diane ('71 & '75, *Clarinet*) has immersed herself in ballroom dancing, west coast swing, and hustle. She won the Senior Olympics in 2006 in smooth dances. Her new granddaughter Chloe shows music aptitude.

Catron, Gail ('76, *Flute*) shares that her Kirabo handmade fair trade business is in its second year and business is up. Her husband Dave makes a great cardboard recycler/schleper.

Cook, Angela ('93, *Oboe*) is a senior environmental engineer at Golden Associates (15 years) and recently became a certified safety professional. She and her husband, Kevin, are busy with their boys Thomas (11) and James (9).

Crisman, Molly ('88 & '92, *Trumpet*) continues to live in Spring Lake with husband Jim. Kids Sam (11), Ben (8), and Zoe (6) are huge Spartan fans and love music. Their highlight of the summer was getting to go with us to our first AC/DC concert!

Dalton, Melissa ('94, *Trumpet*) continues teaching Spanish and Japanese in Lake Orion, MI. She is

married to **Scott** ('94, *Trombone*) and they have a daughter, Maddie (5).

Dineen, Michael ('84, *Trumpet*) went on a cruise in the Mediterranean in Sept. 2008 and celebrated 20 years with FedEx Trade Networks in Nov. 2008.

Drury, Katie ('01, *Tenor Sax*) teaches in London, England but plans to return in July.

Faktor, Ron ('62, *Horn*) and **Pat (Loomis)** ('62, *Clarinet*) have lived in Louisville, KY for 31 years. Ron works for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and Pat does site inspections of homeless shelters in Louisville. They have two children and seven grandchildren, one majoring in music. They perform with several bands and orchestras and with a musical theater in the Louisville area. They spent a wonderful one week vacation in Michigan last summer, the first time they have been back since graduation. It was beautiful.

Fanko, Jennifer ('98, *Trombone*) and Martyn have added to their family. They now have: Stuart (8), Lily (6), Emerson (4) and Sammy (2).

Friebe, John ('84, *Trumpet*) has exited the lighting and electrical industry to enter the packaging industry. He now works for the Cryovac division of Sealed Air Corporation. On-the-go traveling as Sales Manager-Spare Parts.

Fordon, Ann ('86, *Alto Sax*) is a bilingual special education teacher in Evanston, IL and loves it.

Geerdes, Jeremy ('02, *Trumpet*) and Marci are celebrating the birth of an amazing new Spartan and their first baby, Benjamin, born in the winter of 2008.

Gilbert, Dean ('86, *Trombone*) shares that 25 years after he first kickstepped out through the tunnel, his daughter, Kaitlynn, will do the same.

Gillette, Tom (*Baritone*) is in his 11th year as conductor of the Waukeegan Municipal Band (IL), marching band judge for Six Flags "Music in The Parks," and is anticipating the long-awaited Leonard Falcone bio.

Gordon, Neuman ('45, *French Horn*) wishes that the band was given some air time at halftime.

Gould, Susan ('91, *Alto Sax*) is the band and orchestra director at Greenville High School in her 19th year. She is a candidate for MSBOA Orchestra Teacher of the Year. She and her husband Bob, ('90, *Trumpet*) have two amazing kids — the oldest, Ilene, just started learning the oboe.

Grant, Charles (Bud) ('54, *Alto Sax*) and Shirley are enjoying their two sons, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren in their retirement near Traverse City.

Grove, James ('84, *Trombone*) completed a coast-to-coast cycling fundraiser for University

Hospital's Cancer Survivor Center in July. He practices law in Cleveland, Ohio where he and Deanna ('86, *Music*) are raising three budding musicians.

Hayes, Corinna ('95, *Tenor Sax*) moved to Florence, AZ and hopes to get back every few years for alumni events.

Hedlund, Denise ('91, *Alto Sax*) shares that Tavia Zerman had her 8th grade middle school band selected to perform at the 2009 Mid-Michigan Music Conference where her daughter was first trumpet.

Helmer, Bruce ('48, *Clarinet & Alto/Tenor Sax*) is a member of the DeWitt Community Concert Band and the Caravan Circus Band where he plays clarinet.

Hunter, George ('94, *Trumpet*) is grateful to still have a job. He and his wife still rescue Siberian Huskies and his stepson (12.5) is almost as tall as he is.

Karnes, John ('01, *Big Ten Flags & Alto Sax*) lives in Wyoming, MI and works as an environmental scientist and a roller derby referee.

Kretz, Tracy ('01, *Tenor Sax*) is the senior art director at an advertising agency in Harrisburg, PA. She gets her football fix by playing defensive end for the Keystone Assault, a full-contact women's football team.

Koehn, Norman ('68, *Clarinet*) is a substitute teacher and enjoys education and all the students. At present, is excited and thankful to hear "Spartan music" with all alumni and directors once again. Thrilling and deep emotions are always present when at Spartan band events.

Lewis, Steve ('70, *Trumpet*) shares that **Penny Lewis** ('00, *Color Guard*) works as a manager at Walt Disney World, and was awarded the "Partners in Excellence." It is the highest corporate recognition within the Disney corporation.

Lott, Abby ('04, *Tenor Sax*) married Eric Limbach in the summer of 2008 in the MSU Horticulture Gardens.

MacTavish, Kathryn ('67, *Flute*) is a retired teacher and now serves as a preschool director and on the board of the Citadel Music School in Benton Harbor, MI.

Markwick, Jack ('70, *Trumpet*) and his wife are proud new grandparents of Gavin!

Martzke, Richard ('69, *Trumpet*) still practices dentistry in Grand Ledge (36 years), enjoys his garden, ice hockey, and plays in the new Grand Ledge Community Band.

McCaffrey, Susan ('81, *Alto Sax*) is in her fifth year as media specialist for East Grand Rapids Public Schools. She continues to play clarinet in

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Westminster Presbyterian Wind Ensemble and alto sax for any alumni band events.

McDaniel, John ('81, *Baritone*) is preparing for the College of Osteopathic Medicine's expansion to southeast Michigan, and plays with Arlene's Trio occasionally.

McEvoy, Emily ('07, *Mellophone*) completed her master's degree in vocal performance at the New England Conservatory in Boston. She spent the summer performing at a resort in Maine and is currently auditioning for opera companies throughout the United States.

Morehouse, Robert ('56, *Trumpet*) is still fighting for love and glory at the golf course and looks forward to the reunion.

Nichols, Jon ('73 & '79, *Percussion*) retired in 2007 after 35 years of teaching at the secondary and college levels. He keeps busy with numerous judging and clinic engagements as well as serving as the music director of the Grand Rapids Accordion Ensemble. This fall he was appointed the Honorary/Emeritus chair for MSBOA.

O'Conner, Brian ('90, *Drum Major*) is now a lifetime member of the MSU Alumni Association.

Prose, Sue ('84, *Big Ten Flags*) is a retired U.S. Navy commander.

Rafferty, David ('64, *Trumpet*) has participated in the Kalamazoo Concert Band for 38 years. He also plays in the Kalamazoo Checkers Swing Band. Deborah (*MSU*, '70) plays flute in the KCB, and is organist/choir director at Lutheran Church of the Savior.

Reaume, Jeanine ('81, *Alto Sax*) received her master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College. Daughter Kristine received her masters degree in flue performance from the University of Texas, Austin.

Rongo, Lauren ('72, *Flute*) shares that son Adam Rongo has been accepted as a graduate student to MSU with a jazz saxophone assistantship, and she is an adjunct instructor of flute at Saginaw Valley State University.

Salow, Ronald ('51, *Bass Clarinet*) shares that his granddaughter was Colorado State champ in cross country and will compete in the International competition in the country of Jordan this month.

Sams, Ron ('72, *Trombone*) retired from the U.S. Air Force after nearly 37 years of service. He is a Lt. General (3-star). His last assignment was as Inspector General of the Air Force, the Pentagon.

Segedy, Jim ('73, *Tenor Sax*) is a retired Ball State professor, remarried, and is now director of community planning at the Pennsylvania Environmental Council in Pittsburgh.

Sisco, Keith (*Tuba*) retired from the Michigan State Police in 2003. His son served with USMC in Iraq, daughter graduated from Ferris with a biology degree. He now plays in the Belle Valley Community Band in Almont, MI. He has lots of pictures of the SMB and Symphonic Band from '72-'77 to sort out.

Skinkle, Brian ('81, *Baritone*) is director of bands at Centerpoint High School in Amity, AR and music minister at Central Baptist Church in Hot Springs, AR.

Smith, Ryan ('09, *Percussion*) has applied to graduate schools for programs in political science, history & philosophy of science.

Sommerness, Martin ('77 & '79, *Trumpet*) professor of journalism at Northern Arizona University has been appointed faculty adviser of the award-winning student campus newspaper "The Lumberjack."

Stutler, Von Ann ('61, *Clarinet*) is married to Bill Stutler, drum major ('59 & '60) and Leonard Falcone's assistant in 1961. They own a dinner theatre in N.Y. and have been producing shows there for 36 years.

Sutton, Gary ('67, *Trombone*) and Lil celebrated 54 years of marriage this summer. Both run Sutton Travel. Gary is performing with the New Reformation Band, judging in MSBOA and teaching at band camps. They have three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Thoma, August ('76, *Alto Sax*) is director of bands/adjunct instructor of music at Rochester College in MI, and a tour director for New Horizons Tour & Travel in Jackson, MI.

Voss, Amanda ('04, *Alto Sax*) and her husband Justin recently welcomed a new baby boy, Dominic, to the family last spring. She still works in Lansing, plays in a local community band, and gets to as many Spartan football games as she can.

Wrobel, Lydia ('00, *Trombone*) is a middle school library teacher in West Seneca, NY near Buffalo. She makes sure to talk to every student she sees wearing MSU gear.

in Memoriam

Aurand, Donna (Erb) passed away in February 2010. She was a member of the MSC-MSU Concert Band clarinet section from 1950-1954.

Since *the* Last Issue

Scenes from the Alumni Concert Band Reunion



Ken Bloomquist conducts the Alumni Concert Band.



Jim Barry, Dave Catron, and Beryl Falcone.

Alumni Band Performs at the Annual Alumni Reunion Days Kedzie Luncheon

Alumni Band members had a great sounding, 35-piece band, that played for the Kedzie Luncheon on June 4th at the Kellogg Center. They also received a free lunch! There were several hundred MSU alumni in attendance, and they really appreciated the band.

Jack Nelson coordinated the band's appearance and was able to successfully lobby for additional playing time at the luncheon. A few additional old familiar tunes were added to the Shadows and the Fight Song.

Alumni Reunion Days are two days packed with special events welcoming back to campus those who graduated 50 or more years ago. The Kedzie Luncheon is held on the last day on campus.

Celebrating 40 Years of Fall Reunions

1971



1978



1979



1981



1986



1989



1993



1998



2003



Celebrating 40 Years of Leadership

Listed at right are the former presidents of the MSU Alumni Band Association:

Henry Nelson 1971–1973
 Eldon Rosegart 1973–1975
 Richard Astalos 1975–1977
 Monte Sheedlo 1977–1979
 Susan Webb 1979–1981
 Jim Barry 1981–1983
 Michael Kaufman 1983–1985
 Jane Gruber Church 1985–1987

Jim Cook 1987–1990
 Roger Weyersberg 1990–1992
 Carl Knipe 1992–94
 Mike Klass 1994–1996
 Bob Rice 1996–1998
 Gordon Spink 1998–2000
 Bill Monroe 2000–2002
 Jim McCaffrey 2002–2004

Gerry Spry, 2004–2006
 Terry Person 2006–2008
 Bill Sachs 2008–2010

MSU Bands/Alumni Band Funds & Projects

Endowed Funds

Over the years there have been a number of MSU endowed scholarships created that are available for financial assistance to students who participate in the MSU Bands. Established with an initial funding amount, these endowments can often benefit tremendously from additional funding. What a great way to make a tax-deductible contribution to MSU and at the same time, show your support of the MSU Bands!

Walter Adams Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Marching Band – AE0648

Kenneth G. Bloomquist Endowed Fellowship in Wind Conducting – AE068

Leonard Falcone Endowed Memorial Scholarship – AE0603

John L. and Carole A. Whitwell Endowed Fund in Wind Conducting – AE060720

William B. Stutler Endowment Marching Band Endowed Scholarship – AE0612

John B. and Beverly A. Webb Spartan Marching Band Endowed Scholarship – AE0682

Jeff and Diana Glass Endowed Scholarship – AB0121

Spartan Championship Drums Endowment – AE06773

Ongoing MSU Bands Projects

The following projects are currently ongoing. Another great way to make a tax-deductible contribution to MSU and, at the same time, show your support of the MSU Bands!

John L. Whitwell Band Scholarship Fund (*Alumni Band Project*) – AE06072

Kenneth G. Bloomquist Band Scholarship (*Alumni Band Project*) – AE069

Brough Spartan Marching Band Leadership Award Fund – AE06777

Concert Bands Enhancement Fund – AE060742

SMB Director's Special Fund – AE06070

MSU Bands Commissioning Project Fund – AE0687

Spartan Championship Drums Drum Corp International Fund – AE060747

Spartan Marching Band – AE0607

Spartan Marching Band – Gifts to this allocation count toward Spartan Fund benefits.

For more information on Spartan Fund membership, contact the Spartan Fund at 517-432-4610 or visit www.msuspartans.com/spartanfund/.

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Checks should be made out to Michigan State University with the name of the fund (as indicated above) clearly noted on the memo portion of your check. **This check must be sent separately from your dues/registration check in order to receive a tax deduction.** Send your contribution to College of Music Advancement, Rebecca Surian, 102 Music Building, East Lansing, MI 48824. Please note that a gift of \$2,000 or more may qualify you for recognition in one of MSU's distinguished donor societies.



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