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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 2010 MSU ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

**Date:** Sunday, May 2, 2010

**Location:** Fairchild Auditorium

**Reunion Schedule:**

8:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal, Fairchild Auditorium  
*Find a seat at the part you feel comfortable performing.  
Music distributed at rehearsal; not mailed in advance.*

Noon Lunch (on your own)

2:30 p.m. Arrive at Fairchild Auditorium  
*Arrive backstage and take your seat on stage.*

3:00 p.m. Concert  
*The MSU Alumni Band performs first and the  
MSU Concert Band second. Wear "dress-up" clothes.*

### 2010 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

**Date:** September 25th, 2010  
vs. Northern Colorado

**Time:** TBD

### 2010 ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

**Date:** September 24th, 2010

**Time:** TBD

*Keep checking the web site and the next issue  
of the Encore for more information.*

### AN EVENING WITH JOHN CORIGLIANO

**Date:** April 24, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Wharton Center, Great Hall

*Tickets are available at the Wharton Center  
box office.*

*Fore more information see page 5.*



Photo by Gary Baron.

## a Message from the President

It's been another busy year for the Spartan Marching Band AND the MSU Alumni Band. The SMB performance at this year's Alamo Bowl in San Antonio on New Year's Day was outstanding. You can catch some of the highlights on YouTube. Also the Holiday Alumni Band schedule was really hectic and record setting. Elsewhere in this issue are pictures and a summary of all that took place. Special thanks to Jack Nelson and all those who participated and contributed!

We are looking forward to the upcoming Alumni Concert Band Reunion on May 2nd at Fairchild Auditorium. The MSU Concert Band, under the direction of Cormac Cannon, will be sharing the stage with us. Please consider returning this year to play with former classmates and directors, share stories about band experiences, and update each other on the happenings in our lives. The campus looks fabulous in May so give a personal invitation to another alum to return and participate with you.

The date has been set for the fall reunion, Saturday, September 25th, 2010. This will mark the 40th anniversary of the MSU Alumni Band. Let's make the day really special and set a new record for attendance.

Continue to keep us up-to-date on your e-mail address and information for Beryl's Beat. You can also submit photo's taken at any of our reunions for inclusion in a future edition of the *Encore* or our website.

We look forward to seeing you in May at the Concert Band Reunion. The MSU basketball team and the Spartan Brass continue to represent MSU so well. Let's hope they both get to play in April in Indianapolis, Indiana. GO STATE!

**Bill Sachs, MSU Alumni Band Association President**

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## Call for Volunteers for Fall Reunion

In order to ensure a smooth reunion, the Alumni Band needs volunteers to help with the following housekeeping tasks. Please take a look at the list below and if you can help, contact Jim Barry, Alumni Band Vice President at JimBarry1@comcast.net or 517-230-5924. Thanks!

### MSU Alumni Band Fall Reunion – Day of Event Housekeeping Responsibilities

(times listed are based on a typical 12:00 p.m. kick-off)

#### 1. Stadium Set-up

Who: Need 3–5 volunteers

What: Set up wooden chairs and garbage cans/bags on sideline and north endzone

When & Where: Friday, 4:00–5:00 p.m. (arrive 3:45 p.m.) in Spartan Stadium

#### 2. Dem Hall Set-up

Who: Need 3–5 volunteers

What: Set up and arrange chairs, music stands and tables

When & Where: Friday, 6:15–7:15 p.m. after SMB rehearsal (arrive 6:00 p.m.) in Dem Hall

#### 3. Tuba Cover Distribution

Who: Need 2 volunteers

What: Distribute and keep records on tuba covers

When & Where: Saturday, 7:00–8:15 a.m. (arrive 6:45 a.m.) in Dem Hall equipment room

#### 4. Music Envelope Distribution (includes music, name tag w/lunch info, membership card)

Who: Need 3–4 volunteers

What: Distribute above, handle unregistered arrivals and late arrivals

When & Where: Saturday, 7:00–8:15 a.m. (arrive 6:30 a.m.), Dem Hall

#### 5. Dem Hall Rehearsal Room Clean-up and Room Tear-down

Who: Need 6–10 volunteers

What: Pick up trash & etc., move chairs, stands, tables to storage rooms, leave room neat

When & Where: Saturday, 10:45–11:15 a.m. (immediately after lunch), Dem Hall

#### 6. Stadium Seating Area Clean-up

Who: Need 8–10 volunteers

What: Pick up trash & debris, leave area neat

When & Where: Saturday, end of game when Alumni Band leaves seats, for 20 mins., Spartan Stadium (during SMB post-game show)

Thanks!

**Jim Barry**

**MSU Alumni Band Vice President**

## Beryl's Beat *winter 2010*

**Adams, Susan** ('76, *Flute*) shares that daughter Hannah is an MSU freshman, a music major and a member of the SMB.

**Amstutz, Keith** ('63 & '64, *Trumpet*) is owner of AKMS, Inc. "the Braceguard People." He retired in 2007 after 34 years as a trumpet professor at the University of South Carolina School of Music.

**Barry, Jim** ('73 & '83, *Trumpet*) & **Linda** ('74, *Flute*) love retirement, teaching part-time, judging, traveling, and living so close to MSU. Son Mark, an MSU Jazz Studies grad, played drums on Princess Cruises. He now plays drums in a county band and is excited to tour.

**Best, Richard** ('69) retired from WKAR-TV having produced three different programs about the SMB including the '87-'88 Rose Bowl trip program, "March to the Roses '88." His new marketing venture, "University Replicas" sells 12" limited edition Sparty replicas. Each sale generates a \$250 donation to the marching band.

**Bolthouse, Sarah** ('00, *Trumpet*) bought a home in Muskegon and is in her 4th year teaching at Reeths-Puffer Public Schools.

**Bredwell, Kate (Ketchum)** ('97, *Clarinet*) is in her 13th year teaching middle school band in Lowell, MI. She and husband Bryan play in the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band. Daughter Leah (7) plays trombone and Ali (3) leans toward playing trumpet.

**Campbell, Leslie** ('77, *Trumpet*) and her band, The Baytimes, recently cut a CD. It was her first time producing, and she would like to do more. Her daughter Rebecca is a freshman at MSU.

**Caulkett, Jenna** ('03-'05, *Color Guard*) is a registered nurse at Beaumont Hospital and lives in Royal Oak with her dog Cody.

**Crites, Russell** ('55, *Tuba*) is in his 5th year playing in the Waterford New Horizon Concert Band with his wife Mary Ann. They both played in the Pontiac High School Alumni Band at a 50-year celebration. He and his wife began playing together 65 years ago in junior high.

**Diallo, Robin** ('82, *Baritone Sax*) serves in the diplomacy section in Iraq.

**Doty, Karen** ('99, *Trumpet*) is a stay-at-home mom enjoying time with her daughter Avery (1). She and husband, Brett, have been married three years.

**Erickson, Martin** ('65-'67, *Tuba*) has a new jazz CD with trombonist Wycliffe Gordon called "You and I." He traveled to Frankfurt and Hammelburg, Germany, to perform as a soloist and teach at Deutsches Tuba Forum conference.

**Franklin, Larry** ('59 & '67, *Clarinet*) enjoyed attending the 2009 Alumni Days Reunion in June, being honored at the Kedzie Luncheon, and participating in the Alumni Band.

**Garvin, Mel** ('66, *Trumpet*) shares that wife JoAnn (Melson) passed away suddenly in March 2009. They met in the 1st coronet section of the MSU Concert Band. They were married 39 years with three children: Peter, Phillip ('95), and Marie ('97).

**Geiger, Scott** ('98, *Percussion*) wife Katie, and their three dogs live in Youngsville, LA. Scott is a band director at Comeaux High School in Lafayette.

**Ginther, Jennifer** ('91, *Mellophone*) and Rob are the proud parents of Robbie (11), Matthew (10), and John (8). Robbie recently began the road to the SMB by starting trumpet. Jenny has been an instrumental music director in Southfield, MI for the past 17 years and a member of the Oakland County Fine Arts Council.

**Gibbs, Ronald** ('64, '67 & '72, *Trombone/Euphonium*) is a retired high school principal. He spent the past eight years as an academic advisor in the Undergraduate University Division at MSU. He plays trombone in the Lansing Concert Band and Scottville Clown Band. He enjoys his new home with wife Jerrie Lynn in Portland Township, MI.

**Glovac, Barbara** ('80, *Alto Sax*) shares that daughter Kristin, is an MSU Parks & Rec graduate. Daughter Katie is a high school senior, active in band and orchestra, and wants to go to MSU.

**Gould, Bob** ('90, *Trumpet*) is in his 3rd year as faculty in the MSU School of Journalism. He and wife Susan ('91, *Alto Sax*) live in Rockford with their children, Ilene (11) and Isaac (6).

**Grojean, Alison** ('08, *Trumpet*) shares that if anyone is interested in joining the Macomb Area Community Band to contact her for details at grojeana@msu.edu.

**Gunther, Jeremy** ('96, *Trumpet*) is in his 12th year of teaching elementary music in Freeland, MI. He also conducts 120 energetic 3rd thru 6th grade students who chose to continue their music performance classes outside the regular curriculum.

**Hanson, Lori** ('01 & '05, *Trumpet*) and husband Lucas welcomed their second child, Tate in spring of 2009. He joins big sister Cecilia. Lori is a veterinarian in Allen Park, MI.

**Healey, Michael** ('77, *Percussion*) and wife Kelli celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in 2009. They have four children and a daughter-in-law. They spend their summers at their cottage on Torch Lake, away from the Arizona heat.

**Helmer, Bruce** ('48, *Clarinet*) played with the Caravan Circus Band last summer, and plays with the DeWitt Community Concert Band every Sept thru May.

**Hutting, Lori** ('92, *Alto Sax*) teaches 4th grade.

**Koehn, Norman** ('68, *Clarinet*) sends his thanks for all the Spartan Band memories. He is a substitute teacher in St. Clair and Marine City, and looks forward to his next outing to MSU.

**Krolczyk, Jim** ('63, *Trombone*) was elected to the Manistee County Board of Commissioners.

**Levandowski, Paul** ('85-'91, *Tuba*) marched with the LGBA in New York for the Halloween Parade in Greenwich Village, and in the first Gay/Lesbian group to march in the Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C.

**Lodge, Richard** ('69, *Percussion*) shares that he and his wife have six grandchildren.

**McCaffrey, James** ('80, *Percussion*) is directing again as a long-term sub and looks forward to a permanent position. His dad, Jerry, passed away last summer. One of his proudest accomplishments was that all 12 of his children played in band at Fraser High School under the direction of Seymour Okun, who also recently passed away.

**McDaniel, Arlene** ('84, *Alto Sax*) and the Arlene McDaniel Trio released a CD titled "Timeless."

**McEvoy, Carin** ('02, *Mellophone*) lives in Holt, MI with her husband Jim and their daughter, Clara

**McGuire (Begian), Carol** ('70, *Sax*) has taught band and English at Alcona High School in Lincoln, MI since 1995. She plays in an ensemble at Alpena Community College that her sister Mary Hubbard, conducts.

**Manett (Dolson), Sheri** ('81, *Trumpet*) is a reading specialist for Grand Rapids Public Schools and lives in Rockford. She joined forces with Peter Secchia ('63) to start "Kids Go to College" day for inner-city children. Their first trip took 120 GRPS schoolchildren to the MSU-CMU game.

**Martinsen, Todd** ('89, *Trumpet*) and wife Laura proudly report that son Erik (12) enjoys music studies, playing guitar, and playing trumpet.

**Miller, Robert** ('65, *Percussion*) and wife Jane retired and live in Traverse City. They travel more and perform in two bands.

**Niebling, Jim** ('85, *Tuba*) and his wife sold their home in Portland and are currently building on Morrison Lake.

**Orht, James** ('73, *Percussion*) retired from East Detroit High School Bands after 22 years and 35 years of teaching. He plans to spend more time with his family, seven grandchildren, and playing.

**Pike, Jennifer** ('98, *Alto Sax*) welcomed her 4th child last fall, Julianna, joining Joey (6), Jessamyn (5) and Jocelyn (2). Joey is starting piano and drums.

**Price, Gloria** ('97, *Percussion*) works for Greenpeace 26 and Frontline Team Lezder.

## Beryl's Beat *winter* 2010

**Pulter, Daniel** ('81, *Percussion*) congratulates son, Dan, for making center snare in the SMB 2009.

**Rimpau, Joy** ('75, *Euphonium*) retired from GM in 2009 with 33 years of service as an engineer. She looks forward to playing more music, spending time with family, and traveling.

**Rongo (Kuse), Lauren** ('72, *Flute*) started a new flute ensemble class at SVSU, whose first concert was in March 2009.

**Roser, Filiz** ('83, *Trumpet*) lives in Herndon, VA and is a DBA for IBM. She and her husband have two children, Jonathan and Jennifer. Filiz plays her trumpet occasionally at church.

**Searfoss, David** ('69, *Trumpet*) is associate principal trumpet with the Pasadena Symphony Pasadena Pops; principal trumpet with the St. Matthews Chamber Orchestra/Santa Clarita Symphony; and regular substitute/extra trumpet with the LA Philharmonic.

**Sedan, Harry** ('62, *Tuba/Sousaphone*) retired after 29 years in federal law enforcement and lives in Tomball, TX.

**Sherrill, Carolyn** ('81, *Clarinet*) is in her 20th year directing the Meridian Community Band in Okemos. She is honored that retired professors Catron, Erbes, and Autrey play in the band.

**Smith, Guy** ('58 & '76, *Tuba*) plays, conducts, and orchestrates Civil War music performed on antique/replica sax-horns of the 1860s. The band is patterned after the 5th MI Vol. Inf. unit that served the Army of the Potomac (1861–1865).

**Spry, Gerald** ('64, *Percussion*) continues to direct the Waterford New Horizons Band, including a New Horizons Band at Interlochen in June 2009. He continues to spend time enjoying his o-gage train hobby.

**Swanson, Dana** ('87, *Alto Sax*) teaches at the University of Oklahoma; member of the 395th Army Band; and married in April to another band director and Army Bandsman.

**Ungerman, Ed** ('92, *Mellophone*) and wife Kim (House) live in Shelby Twp. with their children: Bryce (8) and Rhianna (4). Ed is a police officer in Ferndale (13 years) and teaches for the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps. Kim has a masters degree in business administration from Purdue University and works for GM (17 years).

**Walsh, Brian** ('86, *Baritone*) and Shelly made their first trip to DC to visit daughter Brianne during her internship. They didn't get lost on the Metro, so he thinks they're allowed to return :)

**White, Bill** ('75, *Percussion*) is the proud father of son Brian, a new member of the 2009 snareline of the SMB. Go Green!

## 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**

**Kenneth G. Bloomquist Endowed Fellowship in Wind Conducting**

**Leonard Falcone Endowed Scholarship**

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

**William B. Stutler Endowment Fund for Scholarships in the MSU Band Program**

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

**Jeff and Diana Glass Endowed Scholarship**

**Spartan Championship Drums Endowment Fund**

### 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*)

**Kenneth Bloomquist Band Scholarship Fund** (*Alumni Band Project*)

**Brough Spartan Marching Band Leadership Award Fund**

**Concert Bands Enhancement Fund**

**SMB Director's Special Fund**

**MSU Bands Commissioning Project**

**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/](http://www.msuspartans.com/spartanfund/).

Check 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. 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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# An Evening with John Corigliano

Winner of the Academy Award for Best Original Score in 1999 for *The Red Violin*

## Saturday, April 24

7:15 p.m. — *Preview Lecture by John Corigliano*

8:00 p.m. — *Concert featuring*

- *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra: The Red Violin*
- *Circus Maximus*
- *Fern Hill*
- *DC Fanfare*

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### AN EVENING WITH JOHN CORIGLIANO

**Date:** April 24, 2010, 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Wharton Center, Great Hall

*Tickets are available at the Wharton Center box office.*

We have very exciting news to announce and we hope that you will be a part of it. In late April, world-renown composer John Corigliano will be in residency at Michigan State. He will be on campus from April 19–24. Mr. Corigliano will work with all of the major performing ensembles as well as composition students, conductors and film studies majors.

Here is some information on Mr. Corigliano: The American John Corigliano continues to add to one of the richest, most unusual, and most widely celebrated bodies of work any composer has created over the last forty years. Corigliano's numerous scores—including three symphonies and eight concerti among over 100 chamber, vocal, choral, and orchestral works—have been performed and recorded by many of the most prominent orchestras, soloists, and chamber musicians in the world. Recent scores include *Conjurer* (2008), for percussion and string orchestra, commissioned for and introduced by Dame Evelyn Glennie; *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra: The Red Violin* (2005), developed from the themes of the score to the François Girard's film of the same name, which won Corigliano the Oscar in 1999; *Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan* (2000) for orchestra and amplified soprano, the recording of which

was nominated for the Grammy for Best Contemporary Composition in 2008; *Symphony No. 3: Circus Maximus* (2004), scored simultaneously for wind orchestra and a multitude of wind ensembles; and *Symphony No. 2* (2001: Pulitzer Prize in Music.) Other important scores include *String Quartet* (1995: Grammy Award, Best Contemporary Composition); *Symphony No. 1* (1991: Grawemeyer Award); the opera *The Ghosts of Versailles* (Metropolitan Opera commission, 1991); and the *Clarinet Concerto* (1977.) One of the few living composers to have a string quartet named for him, Corigliano serves on the composition faculty at the Juilliard School of Music and holds the position of Distinguished Professor of Music at Lehman College, City University of New York, which has established a scholarship in his name.

The week-long residency will culminate with a grand concert featuring the three MSU major performing ensembles; Symphony Orchestra, University Chorale, and Wind Symphony. The program is an all Corigliano event including the following works: • **DC Fanfare—MSU Wind Symphony:** Written for the re-opening of the Kennedy Center and premiered by the National Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin, conductor. • **Fern Hill—MSU University Chorale and**

**Symphony Orchestra:** Using the poem “Fern Hill” by Dylan Thomas, Mr. Corigliano sets this beautiful text for mezzo soprano, chorus and orchestra. • **Concerto for Violin and Orchestra—MSU Symphony Orchestra:** (The Red Violin) Dmitri Berlinsky, soloist *Concerto for Violin and orchestra* based on the music from the movie “The Red Violin” for which Mr. Corigliano won an Academy Award. The work was first performed in 2003 by Joshua Bell and the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Marin Alsop, conductor. • **Circus Maximus—MSU Wind Symphony** (Symphony No. 3 for Large Wind Ensemble) Premiered in 2005 by the University of Texas Wind Ensemble, *Circus Maximus* is Corigliano's most recent large work. The piece captures the grandeur of the real *Circus Maximus* from ancient Rome by using the entire performance space, essentially a piece in surround sound.

Please mark your calendars to come back to campus to hear Mr. Corigliano's masterpieces and the wonderful talents of our MSU students. I think Leonard Slatkin, conductor of the Detroit Symphony, said it best about this upcoming concert—*An extraordinary concert that should not be missed.* Hope to see everyone there.

— Kevin Sedatole, Director of Bands

## 2010 MSU Alumni Tour Band

The MSU Alumni Tour Band trip to Italy June 21–July 2, 2010 is on “GO” and the roster is full. Anyone who wishes to be placed on the waiting list may contact Dale Bartlett at 517-332-4495 or bartle17@msu.edu. Those who have visited Milan, Lake Garda, Venice, Pisa, Florence, Siena and Rome, areas included in the trip, describe these parts of Italy as beautiful and memorable. Ken Bloomquist intends for the trip participants to leave Italy having heard “MSU Shadows” many times.

A tour band luncheon is set for Sunday, May 2, 2010 which is to be an important informational meeting. Lauralee Campbell will be there to provide “last minute” details. If at all possible, the participants should be present. Dale Bartlett will be mailing details of the luncheon by April 1.

## Since *the* Last Issue

### 11th Annual Golf Outing



*36 devoted golfers braved the cold weather to participate in the 11th Annual MSU Alumni Band Golf Outing held on October 16, 2009. Bob Rice and Gary Milnarich won in the senior category and Greg Fauth, Gary Turner, George Wakefield and Greg Wakefield won in the non-senior category. Photos of the groups as well as candid photos from lunch are posted on webshots: <http://community.webshots.com/user/msuabgo>.*

## Popularity *of* Holiday Bands Continues *to* Surge



Photos by Jack Nelson.

*The Alumni Band played at a record 10 games while the Spartan Brass was away on their semester break. The games included both men's and women's basketball, hockey, and the Great Lakes Invitational Tournament at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. 497 players played in the 10 bands, exceeding the prior record of 315 players set last year. 161 different individuals played in the 10 bands. This also broke the attendance record of 117 individuals set last year. With the help of the bands, the Spartan athletic teams won nine of the games and tied in the other game. Special thanks to Jim McCaffrey, Bob Rice, Mike Scholes, and August Thoma who directed the bands, and Joe Levine and Jack Nelson for coordinating the events.*



### Check Out *our* New Web Site

Next time you're on the web, stop by the MSU Alumni Band's new web site. You'll find information about upcoming events, a digital copy of the newsletter, email addresses of members, and lots of pictures! [www.spartanband.net/alumni](http://www.spartanband.net/alumni).

### Change *of* Home *or* Email Address

To keep you informed, please let us know when you move or have a change of email address by calling (517) 351-4582, mailing a note to MSU Alumni Band, c/o Tim Fox, 1850 Snyder, East Lansing, MI 48823, or emailing Gary Baron at: [tyzilm7@msualum.com](mailto:tyzilm7@msualum.com).