



Newsletter of the Michigan State University
Alumni Band Association, founded in 1970.
an Alumni Interest Group of the MSU Alumni Association.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2013 MSU ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Saturday, September 7, 2013

Game Time: 12:00 p.m.

<http://alumniband2013fallreunion.eventbrite.com>

- 7:00–7:45 a.m. Check-in
(NEW Band Hall in Dem 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 stadium with wristband
(go to seats)
- 12:00 p.m. Kickoff: MSU vs. South Florida

Postgame: Form on field to play and march to Dem Hall. Then line Chestnut Rd. to cheer on SMB, move to hear postgame comments and sing *Shadows* with SMB.

Public parking is available in the westmost lot at the corner of Kalamazoo and Harrison.

For further parking information visit:
<http://www.gameday.msu.edu/Parking.html>

2013 MSU ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 6, 2013

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

Please see insert for details

2013 HOMECOMING PARADE

Friday, October 11, 2013

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

FOR THE LATEST NEWS
AND INFORMATION, VISIT:
WWW.MSUALUMNIBAND.COM

a Message from the President



The Alumni Band in music rehearsal at the 2012 fall reunion.

It has been another great year to be a part of the MSU Alumni Band! We started off with a wet annual fall reunion and ended with a pleasant spring reunion. In between we marched in the Homecoming Parade, performed for MSU basketball and hockey games during the holiday break, and played at many MSU Regional Club events. We invite more of you to join us in the fun!

This year, our fall reunion will be back in September! We look forward to seeing you on September 7th to renew friendships. We thank our current directors Kevin Sedatole, John Madden and Cormac Cannon for making our reunion possible. Directors Emeriti Bloomquist, Whitwell, Catron will be returning as well as Bill Wiedrich.

Our show will be Broadway show tunes culminating with “76 Trombones” from *The Music Man*. We are looking to actually have 76 trombones on the field for this combined SMB and alumni finale. So, MSU Alumni Band trombonists, we need YOU!

Our MSU Bands continue to set the musical bar high and distinguish themselves in the concert hall throughout our nation. In February 2014, the MSU Wind Symphony will be playing in Carnegie Hall. Please support our premier ensemble that will perform on the world’s premier stage. What an honor for our university, College of Music, students, and alumni.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president. Go Green!

Stacie Detgen, MSU Alumni Band Association President

ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS JULY 6!

The link to register is: <http://alumniband2013fallreunion.eventbrite.com>

Read through the instructions (scroll down to see all of them) and fill out the information thoroughly. You may pay your annual dues, register for the reunion, select a lunch option, and sign up to participate in the Homecoming Parade and the golf outing.

It’s a secure site that accepts credit card information and speeds up the process for everyone. You still have the option to pay by check (as shown on the web site). We will email the music to registered participants. Therefore, it is extremely important that you supply us with a current, working email address — that accepts attachments without automatically blocking them. If you do not receive the music by late August, please contact us at alumniband@msu.edu.

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Dear Alumni Band,



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Spring 2013 ended with a bang! The Wind Symphony participated in the university “Latin Is America” festival with a final concert of all Latin American influenced pieces. The Symphony Band gave a rousing finale concert shared with the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, and the Concert Band gave a very fine performance of Carl Orff’s “Carmina Burana.” To top all of that, we also gave ten performances at the university-wide commencement exercises. All in all, a great close to a terrific year!

2013–14 brings some very exciting news. I’m happy to announce that the Wind Symphony will perform in Carnegie Hall on February 22, 2014. A performance at Carnegie Hall has long served as a standard bearer for any performing ensemble. We are so very proud to represent Michigan State University and particularly the MSU band program. The concert will center around John Corigliano’s Symphony No. 3 “Circus Maximus.” 2014 marks the 10th anniversary of the piece. It was written specifically for a performance in Carnegie Hall. Mr. Corigliano is very excited about MSU Wind Symphony giving the 10th anniversary performance.

Tickets for the Carnegie Hall performance will go on sale in early September. More information will be posted on the alumni band website. We hope we have a huge band alumni crowd in the audience on February 22nd.

Hope everyone has a great summer. See you in the fall.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sedatole, Director of Bands

FALL 2013 CONCERT DATES

- Sept. 20** • College of Music Collage Concert, 8:00 p.m., Wharton
- Sept. 24** • Symphony Band, 7:30 p.m., Wharton, John Corigliano residency
- Sept. 26** • Wind Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Wharton, John Corigliano residency
- Oct. 22** • Concert Band/Campus Band, 7:30 p.m. Wharton
- Oct. 24** • Wind Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Wharton
- Oct. 26** • Spartan Spectacular, 8:00 p.m., Wharton
- Oct. 29** • Symphony Band, 7:30 p.m., East Lansing High School
- Nov. 21** • Symphony Band, 7:30 p.m., Wharton
- Dec. 4** • Concert Band/Campus Band, 7:30 p.m., Fairchild
- Dec. 8** • Wind Symphony/Spartan Youth Wind Symphony, 3:00 p.m., Wharton

FOR A COMPLETE LIST VISIT: <http://www.music.msu.edu/>

Beryl's Beat *summer* 2013

Barry, Jim ('73 *Trumpet*) shares that after 37 years in Okemos, he and Linda's move to Northville has brought them closer to family. He continues to judge bands, trumpets, do band clinics and play softball. Linda enjoys planning trips, get-togethers, and biking with Jim.

Blum, Richard ('65 *Tenor Sax*) has practiced orthopedic surgery in Milford, CT since 1976 and looks forward to returning to MSU campus.

Brown, Bruce ('82 *Big Tens*) is in his 28th year as artistic director at Fort Lauderdale's Dillard Center for the Arts. His jazz band won the Essentially Ellington Contest two years running. Two of his graduates are studying jazz at MSU!!!

Bushnell, Herman ('50-'51 *Trombone*) plays regularly.

Coble-Hawkins, Danielle ('95-'96 *Color Guard*) married her highschool sweetheart, Scott, 15 years after they graduated. Her oldest son, Levi is a freshman tuba player in Durand. Her youngest son, Miller is going into his first year of band as a percussionist (wish her luck).

Coon, David ('76 *Trombone*) retired from teaching instrumental music in 2006 from Dryden Community Schools. He stays connected to school music programs through adjudicating, teaching private lessons, and helping fit beginning band students to instruments. He also plays in the Belle Valley Community Band.

Dalton, Melissa ('94 *Trumpet*) lives with husband Scott ('94 *Trombone*) and daughter, Maddie in Oxford, MI. She's in her 11th year teaching Spanish at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion, where thankfully the colors are green and white!

Garrison-Haynor, Kathleen ('96 *Alto Sax*) married in 2011, welcomed daughter Elizabeth in 2012, and took a new librarian job at Holt Jr. High this fall.

Gibbs, Ron ('64, '67, '72 *Trombone*) and wife Jerrie Lynn enjoy retirement, traveling, their condo in Grand Haven area, their adopted 4-year old female Schnauzer, playing in several music groups, and bicycling around Michigan.

Gulick, Matt ('89 *Trombone*) became nurse manager at MidMichigan Medical Center-Gratiot.

Haines, William ('64 *Trumpet*) left retirement and returned part-time to MSU as an on-call faculty member in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Hoffman, Dave ('87 *Mellophone*) practices pediatrics near Indianapolis, and enjoys the trek to E.L. every football Saturday to visit daughter Erin.

Hutting, Lori ('92 *Alto Sax*) teaches 4th grade in DeWitt, and hopes to teach elementary French someday. Basically, she's a little older, a little wrinklier, and her kids are too big way too fast!

Kirchgraber, Cheryl (Elton) ('89 *Alto Sax*) graduated with her doctor of pharmacy degree from the Univ. of Florida. After three years missing alumni band because of class, she was back in E. L. for Homecoming. Her twins turned 12 this year and started middle school. They also started band, selecting alto and tenor sax as their instruments.

Koehn, Norman ('68 *Clarinet*) notes that as time marches on ... it's always time to move ahead ... especially with the fond and exciting memories of the Spartan bands and all people past and present ... always thankful to have been a member.

Koning, Paul ('79, 81 *Percussion*) shares that son Devon, was a snare drummer in the SMB this year. His older brother, Derek, is at Stanford University Graduate School and was in the MSU bass drumline as well as an instructor.

Kostoff, John ('60, '62 *Clarinet*) plays clarinet in the Midland Concert Band, Bay Concert Band (Treasurer), German Connection, and most of the MSU Alumni Bands.

Leipprandt, John ('54 *Euphonium*) finished 20+ years working at the Leonard Falcone Int'l Tuba/Euphonium Festival at Blue Lake Fine Arts camp.

Manett, Sheri ('81 *Trumpet*) shares that daughter Taylor is at U of M on an athletic and academic scholarship! She runs cross country and track for the Wolverines, and is in the Honors College. They now fly a House Divided flag!

Marx, Gary ('73 *Trumpet*) and **Linda**, share that their daughter decided not to be a Spartan and is attending Washington University in St Louis. Gary races his new (used) Laser on Lake Lansing and Linda is running triathlons and marathons.

McDaniel, John ('81 *Baritone BC*) is an instructional designer for the MSU College of Osteopathic Med.

Mortensen, James ('82 *Trombone*) can't believe his daughter is now an MSU Alumni Band member.

Patenge, Holly ('86 *Alto Sax*) works as a volunteer coordinator at Heartland Hospice in Fremont, MI. One daughter earned BS in civil engineering this year, 2nd daughter is a junior at MSU in elementary education. Her son is a high school junior, and youngest daughter is in 7th grade.

Piatt, Bob ('60 *Euphonium*) really liked the *Encore* issue this fall.

Reeves, Jodi ('85 *Mellophone*) is in her 22nd year at Sparrow Hospital in the pediatric E.R. Her girls, Hope and Faith, keep her busy as they turn 9 years old. Oh my, where have the years gone?

Rice, Bob ('72 *Tuba*) is grateful his family is in Metro Detroit. The fall reunion coincided with his 10th wedding anniversary to Marilyn (Smendzuik) Rice, MSU Class of 1978.

Rice, Bill ('64-'67 *Percussion*) still teaches percussion at James Madison University.

Rimpau, Joy ('75 *Baritone BC*) played in the Lansing Concert Band this past summer, and plays in the Meridian Community Band and at St. Thomas Aquinas Church.

Sack, Robert ('50-'54 *Clarinet*) celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in December. He plays in the Birmingham Concert Band and Straw Hat Band.

Schmid, Andy ('79 *Tuba*) adjudicates and does band clinics. He also plays with the Celebration Brass Quintet.

Shubel, Courtney ('03 *Big Tens*) works as a 2nd grade teacher in Williamston, MI. She and her husband love traveling with their four- and one-year old children, Nolan and Luci.

Sisco, Keith ('72-'77 *Tuba*) plays in the Civil War 5th MI Reg. Band, the North Oakland Concert Band, & the Belle Valley Band. The 5th played at Gettysburg Music Muster last summer, & the NOCB played the Red Cedar Festival, in Okemos!

Stokes, Matt ('96 *Trombone*) tries to keep up "Series" marching with my niece, Kimberly now a new member of the SMB trombones!

Turnbull-Skinner, Sandra ('74 *Alto Sax*) retired as middle school band director at Northwest Schools.

VanDyke, Herb ('76 *Trumpet*) shares that grandson, Sam, is a music major at MSU and in the SMB. 62 years to the date that Herb marched in the band.

Voss, Amanda (Thelen) ('04 *Alto Sax*) and husband welcomed daughter Rachel to their family.

Walsh, Brian ('86 *Baritone*) shares that daughter Brianne received a full ride to Wisconsin for her PhD in political theory. Son Jacob graduated from Northwood & took a job with Northwestern Mutual. They will be empty nesters again.

Williamsen, Bob ('85 *Tuba*) and family moved to Lake Norman in the Charlotte, NC area, after 13 years in Colorado. They enjoy lake living and can now drive to MSU on the spur of the moment for big events like last year's Wisconsin victory.

In Memoriam



Orlando Suttles

Orlando Suttles, SMB color guard instructor and MSU alumnus, passed away June 21st, at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. He was 52.

A dedicated member of the MSU Band family, Orlando served the MSU Band staff for 10 years as color guard instructor along with co-director of the State of Art, the competitive indoor winter guard. A graduate of MSU with a major in psychology, he had an extensive color guard teaching background. He was a much sought after instructor and choreographer for color guards for Michigan high school bands, having worked with Chesaning, Flushing, Linden, and Farmington, amongst others. Orlando was particularly proud that several of his MSU color guard graduates went on to instruct color guards of their own.

Orlando served as an adjudicator for the Michigan Marching Band Association along with serving as a clinician for several local band festivals. During the winter season, as a movement judge, Orlando was extensively involved in the Michigan Color Guard Circuit, the Midwest Judges Guild and the Winter Guard International Circuits. He enjoyed a career in the banking industry as a customer relations and marketing specialist.

Orlando brought passion to his art, earning the devotion of his students in the MSU Band. In an expression of love and respect, members of the MSU Band family assembled at his bedside at Sparrow Hospital to sing "The Shadows" during his final hours. His caring presence and positive influence will be missed by many.

A Lesson from Tom Izzo



MSU Men's Head Basketball Coach Tom Izzo surprised the alumni band with an impromptu accordion performance at the 2012 fall reunion.

All of you know Tom Izzo: Hall of Famer for sure, representing the best of Michigan State University and being a Spartan! For many years now, Tom has visited the alumni band during our fall reunion. He always inspires! It's not a secret that he loves the Spartan Brass and SMB. The fairly new "Alumni Spartan Brass" has become wildly successful, and Coach Izzo is outspoken about that! Tom loves the institution, and how "alumni" in general are fueled by his team's success. They give back. They feel good about MSU!

When Tom visits the alumni band reunion each fall, he talks about the phenomenon of his former players returning to campus, offering their support, mentoring the current players, and supporting the current team. I've heard Tom describe it as "the former players built the program, and the current players revel in and respect the tradition they've been handed." Sounds familiar, huh? I think Tom is more proud of the "old guys" returning and supporting MSU Basketball than any other element that he has built during his tenure as coach.

As my years continue here at MSU as Director of the SMB, I think about ways to improve what is already celebrated as excellent. I think Coach Izzo has taught us a valuable lesson. The model fits perfectly, and basically already exists. Today's SMB students are handed a "manual" for success in the SMB that was written by all of you. The "long green line" of tradition is handed down to each year's incoming class of SMB Freshman. The history lessons are taught by section and squad leaders, drum majors, officers, and veterans. The profound impact of "who we are" and "where we came from" is felt not only during membership in the band, but beyond into all elements of the rest of your life.

Here's my wish. When you return to campus, at any time, for any occasion, and especially a football game, please "pat a bando on the back." Tell them thanks for carrying on the traditions of excellence. Congratulate them on cultivating their talents in the SMB and contributing to the university in this way. If you see a kid in a band jacket, go out of your way — wave, say "hi" and "thanks" for continuing something you, the band alum, started. I assure you, the students will feel special because of your gesture to validate their time in the SMB. You are the mentor they have never met. I continue to tell the current SMB that you are out there. So, my wish...reach out to the current students in a way you haven't done before. I promise you that the lessons you have provided during your time in the band, are at the top of my agenda. By the way, THANK YOU to all who already do this! Let's all join them in a new and higher level of support for our current MSU Band students.

Speaking of band jackets, Tom Izzo made a substantial gift to our newly created "band jacket fund." Today's jackets cost \$158.00. Please help us keep this fund supported. It continues to enable us to give the deserving SMB freshman their earned band jacket. Magic Johnson, Kirk Cousins, Ryan Miller, and Steve Garvey did not have to buy their varsity jackets. I think our jacket is similarly valued and important. Please help the SMB with a gift of the cost of one jacket (or perhaps several) if it within your means. A quick call to the College of Music Development Office is all it takes. We all know how sacred and special the SMB jacket is to all of us.

Looking forward to the fall reunion with all of you! Go Green!

John Madden,
Director, Spartan Marching Band

Band Jackets: Challenge *to* Pay *it* Forward

We as alumni can keep traditions alive and flourishing by taking an active roll in securing their future by: attending events, keeping active in your profession, maintaining close ties to the university, and being financially supportive.

Let's let our voices be heard! The alumni band association has been issued a challenge by MSU President Lou Anna Simon to establish a fund to provide the SMB jackets for the freshman. The price of the jackets keeps escalating and many deserving students are unable to purchase one. (MSU athletes do not buy their letter jacket, it is given to them by the university). We all remember how hard it is to earn the band jacket and the incredible pride of wearing it on and around campus demonstrating our membership in the MSU Band family. Every new member should know he or she WILL wear the green jacket.

This fund was kick-started by the Knas family last year, and John Madden's article in this issue of the *Encore* talks about Tom Izzo's support and contribution. Please consider contributing to this legacy for our future SMB members.

➔ **Donate via the MSU Alumni Band on Eventbrite or through Mike Morgan at the College of Music, 517-353-9872 or morga200@msu.edu.**

Donate *to the* MSU Wind Symphony Performance *in* Carnegie Hall!

The MSU Wind Symphony will perform in Carnegie Hall on February 22, 2014. This is one of the most prestigious performance venues in the world!

Recognizing the significance of this performance, MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon and her husband have donated \$5000 toward the trip. The MSU Alumni Band Board has contributed another \$1000. The board would like to raise an additional \$5000 to help cover the costs. You may donate through the fall reunion registration on Eventbrite or through the MSU Development Fund. Please earmark the donation for the Carnegie Hall trip for the MSU Wind Symphony.

What a wonderful once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students and university! Bravo!

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Alumni Tour Band

The MSU Alumni Tour Band left for Scotland on June 16th. Ken Bloomquist conducted his final tour band, this one of 49 players: Flutes (Susan Ambs, Charles Coltrane, Deidra Garlock, Jon Heddesheimer, Judith Leece, Carrie Lyon, Kathleen Oliphant, Isabel Scott and Linda Welch); Oboes (Jenny Schwab and William Teel); Bassoons (Janice Palmer and Susan Thurow); Clarinets (Christina Dunn, James Gholson, John Kostoff, William Morris, Anne Ormand, Leanna Rice, Carolyn Sherrill, August Thoma and Susan Wissner); Saxophones (Jack and Nancy Nelson); Horns (Dale Bartlett, Stacie Detgen and Willard Verdun); Trumpets (Cheryl Ambs, Terry Braciszewski, Ginger Campbell, Gregory Fauth, Thomas Freiwald, David Kressler, Jeff Kressler, James Lyon, Richard Marzke, Robert Rice and Scott Ross); Trombones (Rod Ham, Peter Kressler, Henry Minster, David Ness and Erik Nielsen); Euphoniums (David McLeod and John Leipprandt); Tuba (Martin Erickson); Percussion (Ann Bloomquist, Les Dale and Alison Shaw). Concerts were scheduled as follows: two in Edinburgh, one in Inverness and two at the Royal Highland Show. A total of 79 travelers included 30 non-players. The concert tour ended on June 24 with many extending their tour into London and surrounding areas.

In Memoriam



Gerry Spry

MSU Alumni Band Past President Gerry Spry passed away on June 19th at age 73 after a courageous and determined battle with cancer. Gerry treasured his MSU roots, and gave much to MSU

and the alumni band throughout his life. Born in Wyandotte, MI, Gerry is survived by his beloved wife, Elizabeth; daughters, Heather (Brad) Halls and Meghan (William) Decker; son, Derek; and grandchildren, Emily and Cameron Halls. Gerry was band director to students in the Waterford School District for 32 years, serving as director of bands at both Waterford Township HS and Waterford Mott HS. Gerry had a positive and lasting impact on the lives of thousands of students, many of whom returned to visit with him in his final days. After retiring, he founded the Waterford chapter of the New Horizons Concert Band, serving as co-director for the last eight years. A memorial concert will be held on September 29, 2013 at 2 p.m. in the Waterford Mott HS Performing Arts Center with a reception to follow. Memorial contributions may be made to the Gerald K. Spry Scholarship Fund c/o Metro North Federal Credit Union, 4594 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328, to assist music education students. One of our most active and caring members, Gerry will be very missed by all of his friends in the alumni band.

You In? Players Needed!

For the third year, a combined SMB/Alumni Band will perform in Pentwater on August 10th as part of the Pentwater Homecoming Days events. This is a one-day trip with the band performing at four events. Roundtrip motor coach transportation from MSU to Pentwater and two meals will be provided to band members. Information will be emailed in early July to all alumni band members with a current email address. Instrumentation is limited, so please consider playing at this great event. For a 4½ minute video from 2012, go to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpJ5VgJRNzU>.

Since *our* Last Issue

2013 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion



Two "Gems" of the MSU Alumni Band: Henry Nelson and Beryl Falcone.



Enjoying the Kellogg Center luncheon: Greg Pell, John McDaniel, Arlene McDaniel, Nancy Nelson, Jack Nelson, Linda Barry.



Conductors Kevin Sedatole, Henry Nelson, Cormac Cannon, Jim Barry, Dave Catron, and Alumni Band President Stacie Detgen.

Another successful MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion was held April 28, 2013. Music was available by email well in advance of the event, aiding members' preparation. The well-instrumented band began the day with a catered breakfast provided by the MSU College of Music Alumni Board, and for the third year, a wonderful luncheon was held at the Kellogg Center. Due to the ongoing renovation of Fairchild Auditorium, hospitality, rehearsal and performance were all held in the band rehearsal room in Demonstration Hall. Conductors for the program were Dave Catron, Kevin Sedatole, Cormac Cannon and Alumni Band Past Presidents Henry Nelson and Jim Barry. Thanks to all the participants, conductors, and especially to Event Manager Gary Baron and Member Relations Coordinator Tim Fox for their efforts.

➔ To see more photos from the Spring Reunion, visit "[Michigan State University Alumni Band](#)" on Facebook.

Bloomquist *and* Whitwell Scholarship Recipients Honored



Bloomquist and Whitwell Scholarship winners Charles Luukari and Natalie Sears with MSU Director of Bands Kevin Sedatole and Alumni Band President Stacie Detgen.

The MSU Alumni Band presents two \$1,000 scholarships annually to outstanding students in the MSU Bands. The Kenneth G. Bloomquist Scholarship was presented to senior music education major and tubist Charles Luukari. The John L. Whitwell Scholarship was presented to senior music education major and percussionist Natalie Sears. Both are members of the MSU Wind Symphony and accepted their awards from Director of Bands Kevin Sedatole and Alumni Band President Stacie Detgen at the spring reunion on April 28th.

The alumni band is proud to be able to contribute to the strength of the music program through this kind of support. Administered by the MSU Alumni Band, recipients are selected by the MSU Band faculty. The scholarships are funded in part by member donations. To help maintain the scholarship fund, donations may be designated when registering for fall and spring registrations.



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