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UPCOMING EVENTS

PEP BAND FOR MEN'S BBALL GAME March 7, 2013 • MSU vs. Wisconsin

See page 4 for details.

2013 MSU ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

April 28, 2013

Location: Demonstration Hall, MSU Campus

Register At:

<http://ab-spring2013concert.eventbrite.com>

Reunion Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Registration & hospitality

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal

*Find a seat at the part you feel comfortable performing.
Music will be emailed to registrants in advance.*

12:00 p.m. Lunch, on your own

Optional Event:

Brunch Buffet at the Kellogg Center

See below for details

2:30 p.m. Arrive for concert

Arrive backstage and take your seat on stage.

3:00 p.m. Concert

"Dress-up" clothes requested.

Optional Event: Brunch Buffet at Kellogg Center

Time: 12 p.m.–2 p.m. • Price: \$14.95/person

Please register for the event at the Eventbrite site.

Pay for your brunch directly to the Kellogg Center when you arrive.

PENTWATER DAYS

August 10, 2013

Combined SMB/Alumni Band.

See page 5 for details.

2013 MSU ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

September 7, 2013 • MSU vs. South Florida

Golf Outing: September 6, 2013

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

a Message from the President

As one busy year ends, another one begins for the MSU Alumni Band. This fall we had about 70 members participate in the 2012 MSU Homecoming Parade. The alumni band was received enthusiastically by over 10,000 Spartan spectators along the parade route.

The fall reunion coincided with MSU's Homecoming this year and the celebration of the 40th anniversary of women being admitted into the SMB. The first women admitted in 1972 were twirler, Beth Mlynarek Kaufman and alto saxophonist, Lynn Charbonneau (deceased). Beth, as well as Lynn's family were in attendance. The halftime music reflected the theme of "Title IX at 40" and was arranged by SMB alumnus Jeff Kressler. Even though the weather was cold, rainy, and gloomy, the SMB and alumni band basked in the warmth of friendship and music making. We welcomed back many former and current SMB directors including: John T. Madden, Cormac Cannon, Dave Catron, Ken Bloomquist, and Thad Hagerberg.

Over the holiday break, many alumni band members participated in basketball and hockey pep bands. Thanks to everyone who performed and supported our teams. There is one more pep band gig on March 7th at 9:00 p.m. with MSU men's basketball vs Wisconsin. There still is room if you would like to play.

Our annual spring reunion will be on Sunday, April 28, 2013. If you have not attended in a while, please consider joining us at Dem Hall to share in a day of renewing friendships and music. We will rehearse and perform at Dem Hall since Fairchild is under going renovations.

The MSU collegiate bands continue to raise the musical bar and distinguish themselves on the field and in the concert hall. I encourage you to make time and attend a concert during 2013.

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

Stacie Detgen, MSU Alumni Band Association President



2013 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

The fall reunion will be Saturday, September 7th (MSU vs South Florida). Join former members from all over the country and be part of a day of fun, music, and camaraderie. Former and current band directors and representatives from the administration, athletics, and alumni association will be on hand.

From left to right: Tim Fox, Cindy Everett, Sparty, Nancy Stebbins, John Karnes, Bruce Brown, and (in front) Dave Tushman. Photo credit: Dave Tushman.

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Dear Alumni Band,

Spring 2013 brings a very busy season for the MSU Bands. The bands combine to give ten concerts this semester. We began the semester with the Wind Symphony on February 5th at 7:30 p.m. This concert featured three MSU faculty soloists: Phil Sinder, tuba, Suren Bagratuni, cello and Richard Sherman, flute. We welcomed MSU alum David Maslanka back to campus for a week residency culminating with a performance of his new composition for solo cello, solo flute and wind ensemble — “O Earth, O Stars.” A complete February schedule of the band concerts is listed below.

There are two more special events that I would like to mention. This past December the MSU Bands in conjunction with the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association honored Dr. Harry Begian, past director of bands at Cass Tech High School, Wayne State University, Michigan State University and the University of Illinois. MSBOA commissioned the work “Nulli Secundus” by James Curnow as a memorial to Dr. Begian. Dr. Begian selected the MSU Wind Symphony and John Whitwell to give the premiere performance of the piece. We were happy to welcome Mr. Whitwell back to campus to honor Dr. Begian with a very special performance.

Lastly, the MSU Wind Symphony will travel to New York City in the spring of 2014 for a performance in Carnegie Hall. Mark your calendar on Friday, February 22, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. We will give the 10th anniversary performance of John Corigliano’s “Circus Maximus” and also give the world premieres of works by MSU faculty composer Ricardo Lorenz and Julliard composer Robert Beaser. We hope as many alumni as possible can be in New York with us.

Hope everyone has a great close of winter and a great beginning to the spring. See you at alumni concert band.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sedatole, Director of Bands

MSU BANDS CONCERT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 21 • Concert Band/Chamber Winds, 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center

Thursday, February 26 • Campus Bands, 7:30 p.m. Wharton Center

FOR A COMPLETE LIST VISIT: [HTTP://WWW.MUSIC.MSU.EDU/](http://www.music.msu.edu/)

A **SMB Wrap-Up** *from* **John T. Madden**

The SMB loaded charter planes and were ready for take-off on December 27th. We arrived to weather in the mid-60s at the Phoenix Marriott Tempe at The Buttes. The next day involved rehearsal at Tempe High School, a zoo performance shared with the Texas Christian Horned Frog Band, and a buffet lunch courtesy of the Tempe Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant.

Game day began with marching in the official Fiesta Bowl Parade in downtown Phoenix, followed by a public pep rally before preparing for the “Series.” We were very excited to perform one more time for Spartan fans that made the trip to Tempe, as well as our determined Spartan football team! We performed our *Classical Snapshots Show* for the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl crowd, including Rossini’s “William Tell Overture,” Dvorak’s “Finale from New World Symphony,” and the “Bacchanale” from Saint-Saens’ *Samson and Delilah*. The second half of the game forced Spartan fans to the edge of their seats with a comeback to win 17–16 against the Horned Frogs. This is the first time in several years that the Spartans have won back-to-back post-season bowl games.

We would like to say thank you to all of those that organized a fantastic trip for the SMB!

Sincerely,

John T. Madden, Associate Director of Bands

Beryl's Beat *winter* 2013

Barann, Kris ('88 *Trumpet*) has two kids in the SMB this year. Life is good!!

Billig, T. Patrick ('79 *Baritone*) completed his 7th tour of China with the Windiana Concert Band.

Brayton, Kimberly ('87 *Trumpet*) shares that the entire Emmons Family came for alumni weekend. Her son, Ben is looking at MSU for fall of 2014.

Brown, William ('93 *Baritone*) has a new son, Dylan. He was born three weeks early at 10 lbs 1.5 oz, 22 inches long, head 15 inches.

Busuttill, Adam ('05 *Cymbals*) spent his first year on the Michigan Music Educators Association board as co-chair for the Honors Compositions Concert.

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

Corcoran, Michael ('83 *Trombone*) had a great boys golf weekend with Brough and Madden in TC!

Dobbertin, James ('69 *Mellophone*) shares that his granddaughter was a freshman at MSU this fall.

Emmons, Susan ('64 *Piccolo*) shares that her entire Emmons family came for alumni weekend. Her grandson is looking at MSU for fall of 2014.

Glovac, Barbara ('80 *Alto Sax*) still teaches elementary vocal and instrumental music in Roseville. She has fun playing clarinet in the MSU New Horizons band in Detroit. Daughter, Katie, is enjoying her third year in the SMB on alto sax! Daughter, Kristin (*MSU '09*), is carrying the MSU tradition to her new home in Boulder, CO.

Guza, Elisha ('01 *Trumpet*) enjoys staying at home with her four kids — Emma (6), Zaden (4.5), Kaly (3), Jalie (1.5).

Halls, Brad ('87 *Percussion*) and Heather live in Waterford, MI where Heather is a member of the school board and their children Emily (16) and Cameron (15) are members of the Waterford Kettering marching band. Brad is a software development manager at Siemens PLM Solutions in Troy, MI.

Hedlund, Denise ('91 *Alto Sax*) & Tom just celebrated their 20th anniversary this past spring.

Hogan, Melissa ('88 *Alto Sax*) is in her 23rd year in education! She has a first grade daughter who

aspires to march for twirler/drummer/color guard and maybe even alto sax! (oh yes, and throw a violin in there somewhere!)

Jones, Kenneth R ('79 *Mellophone*) shares that his son, Mark, is a third-year SMB Baritone.

Karnes, John ('01 *Big Tens*) has been making money as a mad scientist for the past 11 years.

Koehn, Norman ('68 *Clarinet*) still teaches school after 46 years. 34 years as shop and gym coach ... 12 years sub... time marches on and so does the great memories and pride for the Spartan Marching Band.

Korpi, Edwin ('89 *Tuba*) just returned from another cycling vacation to New Jersey and Delaware. Also took up running this summer.

Levandowski, Paul ('91 *Tuba*) is a sewing instructor at Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts.

Mannon, Joseph ('98 *Trumpet*) was elected shareholder at Vedder Price P.C.

Morehouse, Robert ('56 *Trumpet*) is still out on the golf course when he gets the chance. He came in second in his league play this year and looked forward to October. He also marched at age 85! Go Green!

Oliphant, Kathy ('68, '69 *Piccolo*) looks forward to the alumni band trip to Scotland in June!

Penhollow, Erik ('85-'88 *Trumpet*) is happily married to Gail (22nd year) and works for Brose North America as a program manager. He gets to travel to Europe and Mexico. Their son will be graduating from Ferris this year in digital media/television production. Their daughter, Elise, is trumpet section leader for John Glenn High School Marching Band in Westland.

Prose, Suzanne ('84 *Big Tens*) is a retired Navy commander.

Rice, Bob ('72 *Tuba*) is grateful that his family is located in Metro Detroit. The fall reunion coincides with his 10th wedding anniversary with Marilyn (Smendzuik) Rice, (*MSU '78*).

Ross, Scott ('70, '71 *Trumpet*) enjoys his winters as a snowbird in Sarasota.

Salow, Ronald ('51 *Cornet/Bass Clarinet*) retired from the Novi Band after 30+ years. He enjoys his 62-year marriage with Elaine, as well as family and MSU alums.

Serven, Daniel ('68 *Snare Drum*) retired in December 2011 after 36 years in the nursing home business as an owner and administrator.

Shuster, Jeff ('78 *Bass Drum*) shares that his youngest graduated from high school this past spring. Now both his girls are at University of New Mexico and he and his wife are just beginning the empty nest experience.

Spry, Gerald ('64 *Bass Drum*) has had a year and a half battle with cancer. He's doing well now, and thanks everyone for the cards and prayers. He's back to conducting the Waterford Concert Band and enjoying life.

Thoma, August ('75, '76 *Alto Sax*) continues as director of bands and adjunct instructor of music at Rochester College, Rochester Hills, MI. He also works as a tour director for Brightspark Travel.

Tushman, David ('85 *Big Tens*) has worked 25 years and counting at Beaumont Laboratories.

Vivio, Frank ('67 *Trumpet*) celebrated 25 years with the Naperville Municipal Band. He also performs with the Naperville Big Band.

Wakefield, George ('67 *Trumpet*) retired from work in 2011, and follows his grandchildren and church family activities.

Weyersberg, Kurt ('81 *Baritone*) celebrated 30 wonderful years of marriage to Lynn.

Woloson, Susana ('85 *Trombone*) is currently subbing — trombone and vocals — in two Oakland County swing bands.



MARCH PEP BAND EVENT

On March 7, 2013 at 9:00 p.m., during MSU's spring break, the alumni band will perform at the men's basketball game vs. Wisconsin. So far 65 alums have signed up to play at the game. There is room for 90 players in the band's great seats. If you would like to play, email Jack Nelson at jacknelson55@yahoo.com.

LOST AND FOUND

A nice pair of men's athletic/outdoor pants was found with the tuba covers after the rain-soaked fall reunion in October. If you can claim them, contact Jack Nelson at jacknelson55@yahoo.com.

2012 HOMECOMING PARADE

Sixty-nine band members enjoyed playing in front of over 10,000 people along the 2012 Homecoming Parade route. The crowd really appreciated our performance. If you have not participated in a parade as an alum, this is a great opportunity to support MSU and to have a lot of fun.

JOIN US AT THE SPRING CONCERT BAND REUNION

The MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion will be on Sunday, April 28, 2013. Join us for a day of music making and renewing old friendships.

Morning rehearsal will be at Dem Hall. At noon, you have the option to join us at The State Room in the Kellogg Center for a luncheon buffet. The 3:00 p.m. concert will be back in Dem Hall. Current and former MSU Band directors will lead us from the podium.

Please visit www.msualumniband.com or Facebook at Michigan State University Alumni Band.

Register at <http://ab-spring2013concert.eventbrite.com>.

42nd Annual Fall Reunion Recognizes Title IX and Women in the SMB



(Left to right): Beth Mlynarek Kaufman, Megan Grigsby (daughter of Lynne Charbonneau) Tony Grigsby, (husband of Lynne Charbonneau) and Jim Barry (Photo by: Linda Barry)

Over 300 members attended the 42nd MSU Alumni Band Fall Reunion held October 13th at the MSU-Iowa homecoming game. The band celebrated "Title IX at 40 – Saluting the Women of the Spartan Marching Band." Twirler Beth (Mlynarek) Kaufman, Tony Grigsby, husband of saxophonist Lynne (Charbonneau) Grigsby (who passed away in 1987) and their daughter Megan were honored at the morning rehearsal and during the halftime show. These first two women and all of the women of the band were recognized for their ground-breaking representation in the SMB.

Prior to rehearsal, members enjoyed renewing friendships, seeing DVD presentations of past reunions, and the joint alumni band/SMB summer performance trip to perform at Pentwater Days.

The morning indoor music rehearsal included former conductors Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron, and Thad Hegerberg. John Whitwell was unable to attend, visiting his aged mother in Tennessee, but the band looks forward to having him back next time. The morning rehearsal also featured addresses by President Lou Anna K. Simon, Distinguished Professor Roy Simon, Men's Basketball Coach Tom Izzo (with an impromptu accordion performance of Downtown!), Director of Athletics Mark Hollis, Women's Volleyball Coach Cathy George, and Leonard Falcone's wife Beryl Falcone.

In addition to honoring Beth (Mlynarek) Kaufman, Tony Grigsby, and their daughter Megan, gift presentations were made to the six MSU current and former directors, outgoing Alumni Band Past-President Bill Sachs, and Beryl Falcone. Presentations were also made to the following alumni in attendance: the youngest alumni (most yet to learn), the oldest alumni (has learned too much), and the furthest alumni (largest credit card balance). During the lunch break, a number of members stepped to the microphone to share interesting MSU Band memories.

Even though our Spartans lost in overtime to Iowa on the rainy day, we anticipate an MSU win and sunshine (!) at the 2013 fall reunion Saturday, September 13 when MSU welcomes the University of South Florida Bulls to Spartan Stadium. Join us!

Go Green!

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Pentwater Homecoming Days



Above: Combined MSU Alumni Band/SMB perform at the MSU pre-season tailgate party and pep rally. (Photo by: Linda Barry)

For the second year, members of the MSU Alumni Band and SMB participated in the Pentwater Homecoming Days. On August 11th, approximately 65 current and former SMB members performed at the home of Spartan “Superfans” Duane and Judy Vernon, twice at a downtown MSU preseason tailgate party and pep rally, and for the Homecoming Days grand parade.

Participants were treated to brunch at the Vernon’s home overlooking Lake Michigan, and provided dinner at the MSU Tailgate tent by Pentwater Village Café and Pub owner Jeff Hodges. Thanks to Kelly Dean, of Dean Trailways, the band was transported by motor coach at no charge. Jamie Jensen of the Village Café and Pub provided the tractor and flatbed trailer, allowing members to ride in the parade.

Also supported by the Alumni Association, the band performed for thousands of people, including Tom Izzo, George Perles, Tom Anastos, Alumni Association Executive Director Scott Westerman, and many others during the day. The tailgate, pep rally, and parade brought out so many of the Spartan faithful, Pentwater looked like “East Lansing North.” Alumni Band Special Events Coordinator Jack Nelson coordinated the successful event, which provided a wonderful opportunity for members to mingle in friendship and collaborate in performance.

➔ **If you would like to see a 4½ minute photo/video/audio show, created by Linda Barry, you can go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpJSVgJRNzU> and enjoy the day!**

Knas Family Band Jacket Endowment Fund

Ken and Marla Knas of Tuscan, AZ have many close connections to MSU and the SMB. Playing in the band has become a family affair. Ken played alto saxophone from ’77–’81; Kris Knas, his sister, played trumpet from ’84–’88; Kate Knas, his sister, played trombone from ’86–’88; Karl Knas, his brother, played tuba from ’90–’94; Page Andrews, his nephew, played cymbals from ’08–’12; Becky Barann, his niece, is a junior mellophone; and Alex Barrann, his nephew, is a freshman in the drumline.

Having learned that some new band members have trouble coming up with the money to purchase their SMB jackets, Ken and Marla decided to create the Knas Family Band Jacket Endowment Fund. The fund will provide jackets for new band members for years to come and become a permanent source of income for jackets for future SMB members.

➔ **If you would like to be a part of this legacy, contact Mike Morgan at the College of Music, 517-353-9872 or morga200@msu.edu.**

Holiday Pep Bands



Ten events on seven days for three teams in four venues over a three-week period might sound like an itinerary from your travel agent until you realize that it is the MSU Alumni Pep Band schedule for the 2012–13 season. This year’s schedule started at Jenison Fieldhouse with a special weekend in December. It began with the MSU men’s basketball alumni game featuring over 50 former basketball players. The next day the band played at the MSU hockey game before playing at the men’s basketball game against Tuskegee. The Tuskegee game celebrated the “Game of Change” which was one of the most memorable sporting events of the civil rights movement. Before the game, The Commodores performed and the band had first row seats. Then on Sunday the band played at Jenison for the women’s basketball game.

A few days later the band played at the Izzone Reunion and then played at the men’s basketball game against Texas. Coach Izzo and President Lou Anna Simon really appreciated our band!

The band also played at two other women’s basketball games and at the two MSU hockey games in Detroit which were part of the Great Lakes Invitational tournament.

The 10 alumni bands totaled over 500 players. The bands had 158 people that played at one or more of the events. Playing at these events is a great opportunity to support your favorite teams and enjoy getting back together. We hope you’ll plan to participate next year.

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2012 MSU Alumni Band Golf Outing



Thirty-nine golfers enjoyed the 14th Annual MSU Alumni Band Golf Outing held on October 12, 2012 at Oak Lane Golf Course in Webberville.

Winning Foursomes: First place: Dave Kressler, Jeff Kressler, Peter Kressler, and Erik Nielsen. Second place: Greg Fauth, Richard Martzke, Greg Wakefield and George Wakefield

Longest drive: Men — Don Dike. Longest drive: Women — Ann Sachs. Closest to pin: Erik Nielsen.

Scotland *the* Brave: Tour Band

Ken Bloomquist is excited about the band he will be conducting on the Scotland Tour Band trip this coming June 16–24. He thinks it should be one of the best tour bands yet. Three, and possibly four, concerts are scheduled with the last concert at the Royal Highland Show in Inglishton.

Music for band members will be mailed out near the end of January. Members are strongly encouraged to practice, practice, practice. Rehearsal will begin Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Okemos High School. Departure will be Sunday afternoon of that weekend.

A tour band luncheon meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2013. This date is the same day as Alumni Concert Band Day but the actual luncheon will be a separate event from the luncheon planned for Alumni Concert Band participants. Information regarding the luncheon will be mailed out in March. At the tour band luncheon, Lauralee Campbell will be available to discuss final arrangements and such.

Alumni Band Entertains *at* Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade



MSU Band alumni entertain the Thanksgiving Day crowd in front of the MSU-Detroit Center building. (Photo by: Jim Barry)

MSU band alumni provided some Spartan-flavored pre-parade entertainment for parade-goers at the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 22, 2012. At the invitation of MSU College of Music President and MSU Alumni Band member Ed Quick, the band members performed on Woodward Avenue to the delight of the large crowd.

Approximately 20 MSU alumni musicians enjoyed the music-making and camaraderie, reserved parking, great parade seats, and a catered breakfast in the new MSU-Detroit Center building on Woodward. The event was sponsored by MSU-Detroit Center — home to the MSU College of Music's Community Music Detroit.



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