



Northern Colorado

C O N C E R T B A N D

Welcome to the Northern Colorado Concert Band!

We are a volunteer community concert band dedicated to the continued musical education of adult musicians and sharing music with the Northern Colorado community.

MEMBERSHIP

The Northern Colorado Concert Band is open to any adult who plays a band instrument, has previous playing experience, and can play the music we rehearse. In special cases high school students may join the band, with a recommendation from their school band director.

Typically, you must be able to sight-read **high school level music** proficiently. As a prospective member, you are invited to play with us for a rehearsal before making a final decision about membership, which includes dues of **\$80 for the year (\$40/year for students)**. This fee helps us pay for rehearsal and performance spaces, our music library, composers, insurance, an honorarium for our director, and other administrative fees to keep the band running. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your **membership and donations are tax deductible**. We offer scholarships for those who require financial aid. Please see our Treasurer Ryan Allen to discuss payment options.

ATTENDANCE

While we realize that life sometimes gets in the way, it is important to come to rehearsals regularly in order to improve the sound and cohesiveness of the band as a whole, and **we therefore request that you not miss more than two rehearsals per concert and attend the dress rehearsal before each performance**. If you are unable to meet these attendance expectations for a concert, please talk to the Director to determine how to handle your situation.

Rehearsals are 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm on most Mondays during the academic year (September to May). **Concerts are on Sundays**. Please aim to arrive at rehearsal with time to prepare and be ready for band warm-up starting at 7:15. The time to arrive prior to concerts will be announced prior to each concert.

FOLDER and MUSIC

You will be assigned a numbered folder for you to use during the entire season. It includes warm-up pieces which should remain in the folder. Music for each concert will be handed out at the first rehearsal for that concert and returned at the end of that concert. If you need copies of music, please see our Librarian.

PARTS

There are no auditions for chairs in NCCB. Members are encouraged to play parts according to their ability, and to challenge themselves with more difficult parts. Our director will direct switching parts within sections to give everyone the opportunity should they want it.

REHEARSAL DEPARTMENT

Please respect everyone's time by maintaining order during rehearsals. Remain quiet when we are practicing or when the director is speaking and minimize talking in between playing.



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REHEARSAL LOCATION

Severance High School
1200 Hidden Valley Pkwy
Severance, CO 80550

OUR PERFORMANCE SPACES

Our performance spaces intentionally vary throughout the season but are always in Northern Colorado. Common venues include the following:

Severance High School 1200 Hidden Valley Pkwy Severance, CO 80550	Timnath Middle-High School 4700 E Prospect Rd Fort Collins, CO 80525	Fort Collins High School 3400 Lambkin Way Fort Collins, CO 80525	Greeley West High School 2401 35th Ave Greeley, CO 80634
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PERFORMANCE DATES (PROPOSED)

October 23rd - "Celebration" Concert with Chase the Music
December 11th - Concert
March 5th - Concert
May 7th - Concert with Chase the Music

CONCERT DRESS

Concert dress will be announced in advance of the concert. It may be either:

- Casual concert dress: black pants or skirt and white top / shirt / blouse. Ties are welcome, but optional. Long sleeves or at minimum ¾ sleeves. No t-shirts. Black shoes and socks / stockings (including women).
- Formal concert dress: Men wear tuxedo or black suit jacket and pants. Women wear all black dress or formal gown or all black pants / skirt and blouse. Women's skirts/dresses must fall below the knee when sitting. Everyone wears black shoes and socks/stockings.

Colorful ornaments are welcome for the holiday concert.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

If your email address changes, please notify info.nccb@gmail.com. We maintain a roster of the band and use email to communicate with our members.

MUSIC, STANDS, EQUIPMENT

Equipment (percussion, chairs, and stands) is provided by the schools where we rehearse. Please treat these items as you would your own. **We are required to set up and break down our rehearsal and performance spaces.** Please help to do this before and after rehearsal or a performance.



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FUNDRAISING AND GRANTS

The primary fundraiser for the band is the Taste of Fort Collins with the Kiwanis Eye Openers Club. Band members volunteer to work during the festival and the band receives a donation from the Kiwanis Club proportional to the amount of time volunteered. Please consider participating in June 2023!

If you have experience (or want to gain experience) in identifying and writing grants, please let a member of the Board know. We hope to use donations and grants to allow us to improve our music library, provide more options for performance spaces, and increase our public outreach.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SPREAD THE WORD

The NCCB always welcomes dependable and dedicated musicians. Our best referrals come from our own band members. Please help to recruit good, dependable players!

We love to see our friends, family and co-workers at the concerts. Please post our provided flyers, send emails, post to Facebook, and generally talk-up our concerts. **We are our own best publicity!**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Because we are a 501(c)3 organization, we follow the rules of our constitution and by-laws, which includes the Board formally meeting on a regular basis (1 to 2 times per year) and Board member elections. We welcome interest in serving on the Board or taking charge of one of the ad hoc activities. Here is a description of what we do:

The Board in general determines how many concerts, identifies and books the rehearsal and concert venues, provides suggestions to the director on concert ideas and music.

- **Director** - determines the musical path of the band, develops the concert programs and chooses the music.
- **President** - in charge of keeping the ball rolling, calling meetings, setting the agenda, and ensuring the band grows and progresses.
- **Vice-President** - Supports the President, etc.
- **Treasurer** - collects dues, maintains the checkbook, reports on financials, reserves rehearsal/performance spaces, ensures 501(c)3 reporting is done.
- **Secretary** - takes notes at board meetings, maintains minutes in conformance with 501(c)3 requirements.
- **Member-at-Large** - provides ideas, assists with plans, etc.

Our Current Board is:

Director (baton): Sebastian Adams

President: Edie Adams (saxophone, piano, percussion)

Vice President: Ann Donoghue (bassoon, percussion)

Treasurer: Ryan Allen (clarinet)

Secretary: Susan Epperson (flute, piccolo, percussion)

Member-at-Large: Robin Romeyn (flute, piccolo, percussion)

Elections are generally held at the beginning of each season.



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Ad hoc Committees are:

Librarian: Open

- Obtain music from UNC Library
- Make copies for all band member
- Organize, maintain and assign music folders

Publicity: Open

- Updates community calendars
- Sends announcements
- Ensures website and social media are updated regularly

We also have other necessary tasks - some of which have just evolved over the years, that haven't been assigned to any one position. We welcome anyone who wants to help in any of these activities, for example:

- Maintaining the roster and the email distribution list;
- Following the NCCB email account and responding;
- Following and posting to the NCCB Facebook page;
- Writing, formatting and printing the programs;
- Maintaining the website; and
- Organizing the post-concert refreshments.

ONLINE

info.nccb@gmail.com

www.NorthernColoradoConcertBand.org

<https://www.facebook.com/NoCoConcertBand>