

Riverside Concert Band

Live The Dream Through Music

July/August 2010

Hello Fellow Band Members and Music Lovers,

July is quite a busy month for the Riverside Concert Band! Our Citrus State Historic Park concert was a success with beautiful weather and a wonderful audience! Our performance at the Nixon Library also went well. We always enjoy playing in their replica of the East Room because not only is it beautiful but we like the acoustics! We had good fun at the Il Sorrento concert Saturday where one of the audience was chosen to be guest conductor as we played "God Bless America". He put on quite a show!

I want to let you know how your efforts to help the band are paying off! The band has recently received \$32 from our Ralph's & Food 4 Less program and \$250 from our recycling program with Office Depot! We couldn't do it without you! We also appreciate the work Bob Barden is putting into the newest fundraiser, the Band Fan Buttons which are proving to be quite popular!

I want to say thank you for your continued work and support of the band during these summer months. I know it is a busy family time for many of you. We have two more concerts this month (*Victoria Springs on July 13* and *Speech & Fun Camp for Children with Autism on July 28*) as well as a Band Board meeting so let's keep up our momentum! We're on a roll!

The Riverside Concert Band has a long history and is today a wonderful group of talented, hardworking people who love music! I'm proud to work with you. I'm proud to say I am a member!

Thomas Brown
Band President



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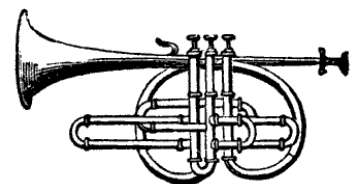
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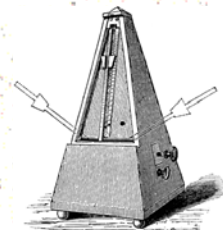
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"Each instrument has a rich heritage of music created just to make you a better player." (See page 2)

NOTES ON PRACTICE

Someone once said that "Practice makes perfect". I disagree with this statement and I would say that "Perfect practice makes for a perfect performance."

We all must practice our instruments to maintain and advance our musical skills. It is very important to practice the right way to optimize our time and realize our potential as musicians. Here are a few general ideas that I have found to be most beneficial in making my practice time count.

1. Make time to practice almost every day; this will improve your endurance and your overall ability.
2. Make sure you practice at all dynamic levels from pianissimo to fortissimo.
3. Use a metronome often to make sure you maintain proper tempi.
4. Make sure that you begin each practice with a proper warm-up to prepare you for the rest of the practice session.
5. Each practice should include the study of scales, chords, technical studies, tonguing, upper and lower registers.
6. Music practice should also be "reading practice." Always include new etudes – duets – solos in each session so you will learn to read better and avoid boredom.
7. Take good care of your instrument. Make sure that it is cleaned and oiled properly to get the most potential from your instrument.
8. Learn the pitch tendencies of *your particular instrument*. Some notes are sharp and some are flat. In practicing with a tuner you can find out and be aware of these notes and how to correct them.
9. Learn the practice literature of your instrument. Each instrument has a rich heritage of music created just to make you a better player. Ask other musicians or go online to find this music so you can have great practices.
10. Learn to enjoy practicing as much as rehearsals or performances. They are all necessary to make a complete musician.



In closing, I hope you all get the practice bug. It will make you feel more confident and pleased with your performances.

Play On!!

Terry McPherson

RCB Director



Board Notes

The next board meeting will be:

**Thursday
JULY 15th, 2010
6:30 pm**

*More Fire
Thai Restaurant*
2955 Van Buren Blvd, #F
Riverside, CA 92503

See Aleda (clarinet) if you'd like to purchase one of the clear plastic sheets for your music stand.

It's a nice alternative to clothes pins when the wind starts blowing! They are 16w X 12h and can be purchased for \$10.

Also we have only 1 of the nice black music stands left. The cost is \$35.

Last one!
First come, first serve!

Don't forget to bring your own stand to rehearsals and to concerts.



Remember to register your Ralphs or Food for Less value card. For every penny you spend, our band earns money.

"Time flies. It's up to you to be the navigator."

- Robert Orben



Join us on 

You are making a big difference when you bring your old, empty ink cartridges to band!

RECYCLE!

We recycle them and the funds generated go to our band! Keep up the good work!



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July & August Birthdays

JULY

James Bauchert
Henry Kim
Lindsay King
Jamie Lopez
Dwayne Mickelson
Armanie Miranda
Teresa Peck
Diane Tudge

Desiree Florez
Amber Johnson
Roger Kozuma
Ella Meyering
Gary Mink
Jennifer Voltz

AUGUST



WOW!
That's 14
Happy Birthday wishes!



Music is the universal language of mankind.
~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The word "music":

μουσική

Musik

音楽

음악

música

musique

muziek

音乐

RC BAND SUMMER SCHEDULE

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Tuesday Rehearsals

Swing Band 6:00 pm

Concert Band 7:00 pm

**La Sierra Senior Center
at the corner of
La Sierra Ave. and Gramercy
In Riverside**

(no rehearsals in August)

For more information, contact Tom at

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or check our website

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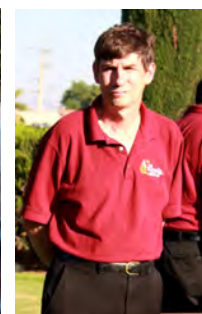


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RCB MISSION STATEMENT

The Riverside Concert Band is a volunteer, non-profit organization, which provides its members a lifelong opportunity to play and perform concert band music for enjoyment, and to develop their musical skills. The band provides both a cultural and historical enrichment in the community by inspiring and entertaining our audiences at free performances.



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