

RIVERSIDE CONCERT BAND

Live The Dream Through Music

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

MARCH 2010

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

First of all I want to say how exciting it is to see so many people at our rehearsals and concerts. Welcome new members and welcome back returning members!

Our concert at the Nixon library was a huge success, a packed house and a standing ovation! Playing at Bob's Big Boy will be a lot of fun as well as a great fundraiser, be sure to tell your friends and family to come eat and listen to us.

There is so much going on. We have a very busy concert schedule, our upcoming rehearsal at the new venue, our fundraisers, (we received other check from Office Depot, this one for over \$250.00, keep those ink cartridges coming), we hope to start a booster group soon, and Terry got the go ahead from the board to start purchasing music for the up and coming swing band!

We must be doing something right, we're growing, we're booked, we are making money and we are starting new things.

Give yourselves a round of applause; we couldn't do it without you!

Musically Yours,
Thomas Brown
Band Board President



*Swing's the Thing . . .
(see page 2)*

~ March Concert Schedule

Sunday, Mar 14th - Bob's Big Boy in Norco

Saturday, Mar 27 - Rose Hill Cemetery in Whittier

Mark your calendar and check our web site
for more information!

Don't forget **Daylight Saving Time** this month!

The Riverside Concert Band gratefully acknowledges the support of the following organizations:

Riverside Arts Council

City of Riverside

Stronghold Engineering

Alvord Unified School District

Riverside Parks and Recreation



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Director's Notes

"It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing". Now is the time for the Riverside Concert Band to venture into the world of swing music. The Big Band sound is what we are after and I hope you all will support our new adventure.

If you are interested in playing in this group, we will have our first rehearsal on March 16th at 6:00 PM, one hour before concert band begins at our same location. We are looking for saxes, trombones, trumpets, and rhythm. All players of these instruments are welcome. I would like to see this swing band populated by our own Riverside Concert Band members, and we will do all we can to accommodate this process.

We now have seventeen new pieces of music to rehearse and I think you will be happy with the music. As time goes on we will continue to add to our library. It is a new beginning for our band, one which will bring a lot of fun and enjoyment to all.

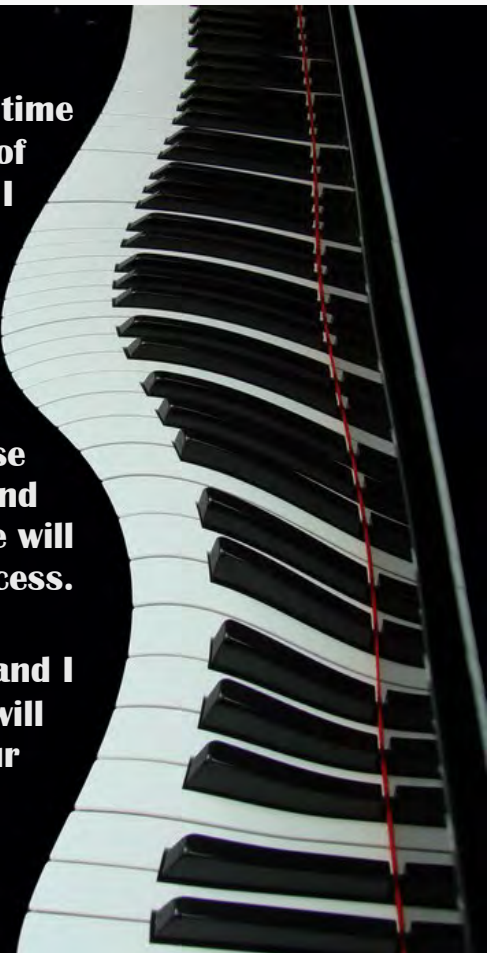
Remember March 16 at 6:00 PM—see you then.

For your enjoyment here is a list of great swing band leaders and the years they started their bands. The 1930's is when swing music began!

Ray Anthony - 1946
Louis Armstrong - 1929
Charlie Barnet - 1933
Count Basie - 1935
Les Brown - 1938
Bob Crosby - 1935
Jimmy Dorsey - 1935
Tommy Dorsey - 1935
Duke Ellington - 1923
Bennie Goodman - 1934
Woody Herman - 1936
Harry James - 1939
Stan Kenton - 1941
Gene Krupa - 1938
Freddy Martin - 1931
Glenn Miller - 1937
Artie Shaw - 1936

T McPherson

RCB Director



~ One Concert Band Rehearsal at La Sierra ~

Tuesday, March 9 - 7 pm to 9:30 pm

We will have one concert band rehearsal only at the new La Sierra Park Senior Center at 5215 La Sierra Ave in Riverside on the corner of La Sierra & Gramercy. Bring your stand!

Our regular Concert Band & Swing Band rehearsals are at:
Foothill Elementary School, 8230 Wells Avenue, Riverside, CA 92503

*~ Rehearsals in March ~
Tuesdays - 7:00 to 9:30 pm*

March 2 - Foothill Elem. School
*March 9 - La Sierra Sr. Center
March 16 - Foothill Elem. School
March 23 - Foothill Elem. School
March 30 - Foothill Elem. School

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8230 Wells Avenue
Riverside, CA 92503

NOTE: On **MARCH 9th** we will rehearse
once at the new
La Sierra Senior Center
at the corner of
La Sierra Ave. and Gramercy in Riverside

For more information, contact Tom at
tbrown86@riversideconcertband.org



If you haven't yet purchased a music stand but would like to, see Virginia Baker (clarinet) at rehearsal. The stands are well made, come with a black canvas carrying case and are \$35.



Spring Forward

Remember to set
your clocks and watches
ahead 1 hour Sunday, March 14th.

That's the day of our
Bob's Big Boy Concert!

March Birthdays:

Kaytie Carrasco
George Mazzacane
Michael Swager
Shannon Sweitzer
Lorenzo Williams

(Quite a month for our
trombone section! 4 out of the 5!)



Keep up the good work!

You are making a difference in
the band you play in and
the world you live in !



= Recycle =



Bring your
old empty ink cartridges (large or small)
to band.
Tom has them recycled
and the funds generated
go to the band!

Board Notes

The next board meeting will be:

Thursday
Feb. 18th, 2010
6:30 pm

More Fire Thai Restaurant
2955 Van Buren Blvd, #F
Riverside, CA 92503
(in the shopping center at
Van Buren and Lincoln.)



Support the band by purchasing the

"Shop Riverside" card at rehearsal!

They cost \$15, offer discounts at
over 200 merchants, don't expire until
December 2010 and

**\$10 of the
purchase price goes
directly**

to our organization.

AND

Remember to register your
Ralphs or *Food for Less* value card.

For every penny you spend,
our band earns money.



News from the Past:

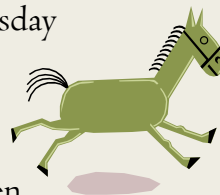
This article appeared 132 years ago in the
The Riverside Press on Nov. 30, 1878

Base Ball - Riverside vs. Orange Orange Boys The Winner By A Score Of 18 TO 11

"The third and deciding game between the Orange and Riverside Clubs came off according to announcement on Thanksgiving day. The weather was marvelously fine, and the attendance large. The **Riverside Brass Band** was present and discoursed most acceptable music for the entertainment of the company. Although the result of the game was adverse to the home nine, the game was so pluckily played and so evenly contested that even the defeated have reason to take pride in it. . . ."

(And further down the page, this bit of news . . .)

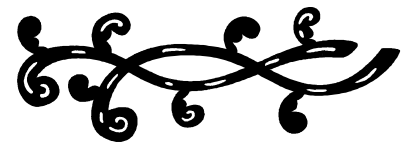
"While **the band** was practicing in Roe's Hall Tuesday night, a couple of Indians jumped on to the horses of Mr. Newell and Mart Shaw and rode off in the darkness. They were seen, however, and a goodly number of men and boys, who were waiting for the mail, jumped on their steeds and put after them. One, who is said to be Pancho Pico, got away, but the boy who took Newell's horse was captured. Rob Magee clinched him as he ran through the crowd. He was turned over to the tender mercies of Mr. Hughes." (Constable Hughes.)



We're trying to find 10 more folks who want our terrific bomber-style jackets - with logo! - so we can place an order.

They are \$45, are TOP quality, and very versatile, and a great way for family members to 'connect' with the band.

See Sylvia (trumpet) at rehearsal to order one.



Grace Notes ~

Music has been said to tame and civilize wild beasts, but it never yet could tame and civilize musicians! - John Gay

A jazz musician is a juggler who uses harmonies instead of oranges.
- Benny Green



Many Hands Make Light Work

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