



Happy Anniversary! This will be PCB's 10th summer!

Though we had a great time at Lake George last summer, we will not be going this year. We *will* have two performances, though. Read on for more details. We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Theresa Witmer, Music Director
Jim Madeja, Summer 2019 Director
Ron Berry, Personnel Manager
Paul Haggett, Personnel Development and Coordinator
Scott Fulton, Attendance Captain

Message from the Music Director

Hello, PCB Friends –

Snow and ice were uninvited but major players in PCB this past winter. After having to postpone the concert a week, we still had pretty poor weather for our January concert. Amazingly, we still had an excellent audience and, though it had been a long stretch since our dress rehearsal, you all played really well and I was very happy with the performance. Donations taken at the concert totalled a whopping \$540! This will cover our expenses for the winter concert including insurance, music purchases as necessary, performance license fees, and facility usage fees. The surplus will be put towards our summer concert expenses. Finally, you all looked great in our “new” concert dress, black and white!

I'm looking forward to being on the other side of the podium this summer, playing in the saxophone section, while we're once again going to be under Jim Madeja's superb direction!

Please fill out the survey about playing this summer! Don't forget that you can invite musicians to be part of PCB. Forward this to them and/or have them send an email to our account, potsdamcommunityband@gmail.com.

Enjoy your spring, which finally seems to be arriving in the north country, and we all look forward to seeing you this summer.

Theresa

Message from Jim Madeja, Summer 2019 Conductor

Welcome to the Potsdam Community Band 2019 summer concert series. I want to thank Theresa Witmer for inviting me to conduct this summer. It'll be a real treat to have Theresa joining us in the saxophone section for the July concerts. Thanks also to the PCB leadership team for all of its organizational work, but particularly for getting us into an air-conditioned facility for all summer rehearsals! This summer's program will explore a variety of musical styles. From the Franz von Suppé overture *Pique Dame* to Leroy Anderson's *Irish Suite* to music from the American musical theater, the program promises to offer something for every musical taste. We'll use the May 20 session partly as a reading session but also partly to get an early start on some of the more difficult literature. I look forward to seeing everyone on May 20 and making joyous music together this summer.

Jim

Summer 2019

Get out your calendar! To participate this season, you MUST sign up using the survey at www.potsdamband.org/survey to let us know your plans. Replies by May 8 are appreciated.

Summer Concerts:

- **Friday, July 12th, 6pm in Ives Park in Potsdam**
- **Wednesday, July 17th, 6 pm at the Madrid Dam Concert Series**

Reading Session/Rehearsal: We'll have a reading session/rehearsal on Monday, May 20st at 7pm at Crane. Come get a preview of the summer's music! This is a great opportunity to bring along potential new members who might like to give the band a try.

Rehearsals: (7-9pm) June 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, July 8th, and the **dress rehearsal** on WEDNESDAY July 10th (7-9:30pm). All rehearsals will be at Crane in room C107. Please park in Lot 9 and enter in the corner between Crane and the PAC. See map on last page.

Summer 2019 Attendance Policy:

The band works best when we're all there, and when all of the music is there!

We expect members to attend as many rehearsals as possible; attendance at all rehearsals is ideal. To play the concert, band members must attend *both* a minimum of 4 rehearsals *plus* the dress rehearsal to play the concert; exceptions to this policy can be granted at the discretion of the Summer Director in consideration of ensemble balance and blend. Please contact Jim Madeja (via PotsdamCommunityBand@gmail.com) with any questions.

Remember that all are welcome at the rehearsals; the dress rehearsal is for only those who will perform. Folders will be provided to those who will play the concert.

A word about multiple concerts: We hope that everyone will be able to play both concerts this summer. If there's one you can't make, please write to Jim (via PotsdamCommunityBand@gmail.com) to discuss your situation – we want to make sure that all the parts will be covered in both of the concerts!

Attention high school (and younger) students and parents/guardians!

To keep the band running smoothly, we will now require from any members who are high-school aged or younger: completion of the sign-up survey *and* the signed parent/guardian form, which you'll find in a link from the survey, BEFORE the student can participate in any PCB rehearsals. This form may be turned in by email in advance of the rehearsal, or brought to the first rehearsal.

Help the band perform at its best!

As we head into the summer season, we hope that everyone will remember that it's best for the band if:

- We know when to expect you. We rely on the survey information to plan the set-up for the day, and the director relies on this information to plan the rehearsal. *If your availability changes, please remember to email PotsdamCommunityBand@gmail.com.*
 - We have your folder of music present and accounted for at every rehearsal. *It's really hard for the band to rehearse if there is a part missing!* This is important for everyone, even those who have duplicate folders. (We all remember the rehearsal when all of the 2nd clarinet folders were absent, it made it hard for the whole band!)
 - Everyone is prepared for rehearsals. Most PCB members practice their band music outside of rehearsal time, even those who have played the music before. There's always something new to learn!
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Help us attract new members

The Potsdam Community Band welcomes new members. We hope you'll pass this Newsletter along to anyone who might be interested. If you'd like a recruitment flyer to post, please ask!

Band Shirts

While it's optional for members to purchase the PCB shirts, we will make them available to you. If you don't already have one, now might be the time to purchase one. If you'd like to "upgrade" to the moisture-wicking ones that some of us purchased last summer, those will be available. Price is: \$25 - we haven't raised that price in our 10-year history!

Volunteers needed

We always need more help, but this time, we REALLY mean it! Here are a list of our most urgent needs.

For Summer 2019:

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- PCB Greeter Team (*Help our members who need a little extra assistance getting into/out of rehearsals.*)
 - Equipment Crew (*Potsdam and Madrid concerts*)
 - Program: design, compose, and print (at PCB's expense) this summer's programs. You'll get information from Jim (about the program content) and from Theresa (past programs to compare, etc.). You'll also have access to the proof-reading team!
 - Poster: design a poster listing our two concerts and print them (at PCB's expense). You'll get the same help as listed above under "Program."
 - Publicity: send news releases and photos to local media. Ask for more detailed information!
 - Librarian Team: we could use more help with on this important team!
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Beyond Summer 2019:

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- Publicity Coordinator: write articles and distribute to local media with photos
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Have an idea for something that would make the band (or the band experience) better? Email PotsdamCommunityBand@gmail.com with your suggestions!

Member Announcements

Don't forget to check www.potsdamband.org/members for announcements from your band-mates.

If you have something to add, please send it to PotsdamCommunityBand@gmail.com and we will get it posted to both the Members section of the website, and to our Facebook page.

Parking at the Crane School of Music *and finding your way to the Rehearsal Room, C107*

Use Lot 9 for parking. See the map on the next page for directions to parking and to C107.

