

Greetings - Thank You for a GREAT Summer Season!

What a fantastic Summer PCB experience we had! A record 84 musicians signed up to play, and while not all were able to finish, and not all took part in both concerts, our numbers were STILL north of 80! We began working on our challenging program on May 20, and over the next 7-plus weeks, guest conductor Dr. Jim Madeja molded us into an excellent ensemble, and expertly led us through our 9-work program. Thank you to everyone who assisted with assembling folders, setup, teardown and other logistics, and put the necessary time into at-home practicing. Sadly for us, this was Dr. Madeja's last go-round with PCB (at least as a resident of Potsdam!), but we sent him off with two excellent concerts on July 12 and July 17. I know you join the PCB leadership team in thanking Jim and Tammy for their many years of service to music education in the North Country, and to Jim in particular for his 15 years of active involvement with our band. We hope the Madejas won't be strangers! Good bye and all the best, Jim and Tammy!

Paul Haggett, Information Captain for
the PCB Leadership Team:

Theresa Witmer, Music Director
Tammy Madeja, Producer
Ron Berry, Treasurer
Jennifer Myers, Personnel & Technical
Coordinator
Brianna Sterling, Program Leader



From the Conductor...

Congratulations and thank you for two very fine summer performances in Potsdam and Madrid. It was an honor to work with all of you this summer. Rehearsing and performing with PCB has been such a joyful experience. I very much appreciate the extent to which you allowed me to push you to raise the level of performance to where you played this summer. The program was challenging, and you rose to the occasion.

Please continue to play in Potsdam Community Band and allow the ensemble to continue to grow. Those of you who played in the ensemble's inaugural year know how much Theresa Witmer has developed the ensemble over the past fifteen years. And your best days are still ahead of you! I wish you all the best. On behalf of Tammy and myself, thank you for making the Potsdam Community Band an important part of our musical life in Potsdam.

Jim Madeja



Looking ahead to Winter 2024-25

For a band that typically performs just two concerts in the summer and one in the winter, planning the NEXT PCB experience often seems almost like a full time job! The leadership



team will be meeting soon to discuss what went well, and what could be improved from our summer session AND to start planning for the fall/ winter 2024-25 season. Please grab your calendar and pencil (I'll pause here while you go get them....)



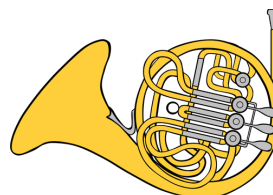
The fall/winter 2024-25 session will kick off on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm in Crane rehearsal room C 107. The full session

schedule is as follows:

- Rehearsals (all Mondays) November 18, 25, December 9, 16, January 6, 13, 7:00-9:00 pm in C 107
- Dress rehearsal Thursday, January 16, 7:00-9:30 pm
- Concert Sunday, January 19, 3:00 pm Hosmer Concert Hall

Invite a Friend to Community Band!

Playing in PCB is fun! We all know that. Have you ever considered inviting a music-loving friend or family member to share the fun with you? Personally inviting someone who plays a band instrument at least at high school level to come and experience a rehearsal is one of the best ways to keep our band strong and vibrant. We pride ourselves on being inclusive...no auditions, and no pressure! So if you know someone you think would enjoy PCB like you do, pass this newsletter along, send us their email, and encourage them to fill out our upcoming season survey!





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Thanks for buying a Band Polo Shirt

Thank you to everyone who purchased a PCB polo shirt over the summer. There are still a few shirts available to buy in men's sizes small to XXL. Only two ladies style shirts remain, in size small and extra-large. Please let us know if you are interested in one by emailing the band account, potsdamcommunityband@gmail.com. Shirts cost \$30. Thank you to PCB trombonist Sid Teska and The Promo Factory for supplying shirts to us at cost.



Band Financial Report

This spring and summer season, our sources of income included performance fees from the Potsdam Chamber of Commerce (\$250) and Madrid Dam Music Series (\$325).

Other income, in the form of audience donations for the two concerts, was \$623. Contributions by band members (at rehearsals) amounted to \$413, and band shirt sales totalled \$840. Expenses for the summer session included \$1,020 for the purchase of polo shirts, and \$326 for UHaul rental and gas. There were also expenses for rehearsal room rental at Crane, program and poster printing, and pizza for the librarian crew, but those numbers were not available at publication time. Thanks to your generosity and that of our audiences, we have a healthy bank balance of \$5,117.



Interested in a PCB Leadership Role?

The PCB leadership team is looking for two or three additional band members to consider taking a more active role in making successful band sessions happen. We are looking for a Librarian team coordinator and a publicity coordinator/copywriter. Another possible leadership role is that of producer or “sweep”. In addition to taking on specific in-season duties (as designated in our operations manual), new leadership team members would assist in planning for each upcoming PCB session and help be the “eyes and ears” of the organization. Interested? Please send us a message at the band email address, potsdamcommunityband@gmail.com.



THE SUMMER SEASON IN PICTURES

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SEE YOU IN NOVEMBER!