



Making Music Part of Your Life Again.

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Dear Music Lover and Supporter of the Arts,

The Downriver Community Band (DCB) has been a proud member of the Downriver performance art community for nearly 30 years. Our mission is to give non-professional adult musicians a dynamic and enriching opportunity to perform, contribute positively to the cultural environment of the Downriver area and provide an opportunity for personal musical expression and growth. The band has proudly played music from every genre in nearly every community Downriver, throughout the great state of Michigan, as well as the United States. Performances locally include Brownstown's Flag Day Patriotic Celebration, Trenton's Independence Day Fireworks, the Red Cedar and Motor City Brass Band Music Festivals, our annual free Christmas Concerts for the public; and nationally the 70th and 75th Anniversaries of Pearl Harbor from the famed USS Battleship Missouri Memorial; Auburn Chord Deussenburg Festival in Auburn Indiana; and at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.

Forthcoming Achievements

In 2019, the band will celebrate its **30th Anniversary**. To commemorate this resplendent occasion, the band has two unprecedented opportunities: World renowned composer and conductor James Curnow will be the guest conductor at our **30th Anniversary Concert** on April 7, 2019 at the beautiful Flat Rock High School Auditorium, and the DCB is overjoyed that we have been **selected as one of six performance bands** for the **Association of Concert Bands' (ACB) annual convention**, to be held in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, April 24-28, 2019.

James Curnow, a Michigan native, holds degrees from both Wayne State University and Michigan State University, and has penned more than 400 musical compositions and arrangements. In 1997, Mr. Curnow was named "Composer of the Year" by the *National Music Teachers Association*. He has directed and composed music around the world, but in 2019, he will return home to direct our beloved Downriver Community Band.

The Association of Concert Bands (ACB) is an international organization that fosters "excellence in Concert Band music through performance, education, and advocacy." The ACB's annual convention moves coast to coast, providing opportunities for community musical performers, bands, composers, and conductors. As part of their annual convention, the ACB selects six performance bands to entertain the convention attendees. Only six of the best that apply are selected. The Downriver Community Band has been a member of the ACB for over 10 years.

Your Generosity Promotes Advocacy

The DCB is honored to have Mr. Curnow as our 30th Anniversary guest conductor, and to represent Downriver and the state of Michigan at the ACB Convention. However, these opportunities come with logistical and financial challenges. We are asking Downriver citizens, fellow artists, our business and corporate community, as well as performance arts lovers and supporters around the state to help us reach our goals. We humbly ask that you consider becoming a 2018/2019 Patron of the Downriver Community Band. Please use the attached form to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris French".

Chris French, J.D.

President, Downriver Community Band



68+
volunteers each
semester and through
summer

**Addressing
music venues**
prevalent in
the Downriver
communities

**Community
outreach to
Washington DC
and Hawaii**
where many members
have traveled

Anticipating

Addressing the Advocacy of DCB

Collaboration with a broader Downriver community, for exposure to reflect the band's goals.

What

The Downriver Community Band is looking for support for two endeavors to be held in 2019.

- A 30th Anniversary Concert conducted by James Curnow, nationally known composer, native of Michigan
- Attending the 2019 Association of Concert Bands convention in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, near New York City.

Why

To raise the stature of the band and its brand, focusing on giving adults a place to play their instrument and continue their music under a conductor; offer rehearsal in a group, and the ability to perform as a concert band; enrich the community by providing concert venues for people to attend.

Who

Downriver Community Band members are dedicated members to the community. Through a history of outreach, we grew to a 68+ ensemble from a few members that first year (those of whom still play in the band). More than 550 musicians have played with the DCB since its inception

- DCB members have a place to continue to play their instruments beyond high school.
- DCB members are able to play in a group and by a master's degree conductor.
- DCB members are able to perform at several community events and have traveled to Washington D.C. and Hawaii for special events.

Forthcoming Endeavors:

30th Anniversary Concert - April 7, 2019

Performance at the Association of Concert Bands
Convention - April 24-28, 2019



10's of thousands of people have encountered our concerts through parks and recreation contributions

We play 8 - 12 concerts annually many are FREE to the public

We have played over 500 concerts throughout our 30 years

Future members have heard us through the many venues we play

Member Testimonials

Making music part of our lives again.



– Jessica Anspaugh, Clarinet

Joining this band was the first thing I did moving here from out of state. Being a part of the group meant new friends and making Michigan actually start to feel like home.

Anticipating



– Angie Linder, Trumpet

What would you tell someone considering joining the group?

Playing an instrument is a lot like riding a bike. Even if you haven't touched an instrument in 15-20 years, you would be surprised how quickly it comes back.

Celebrating



– Pat Batcheller, Percussion

I have a stressful job with weird hours. Being in DCB gives me a creative outlet to release some of that pressure and forget about the outside world for a few hours.

Visit us at downrivercommunityband.org, you can also find us on Facebook.

Downriver Community Band Sponsorship Levels

fff- Fortississimo (\$5,000)

- *2019 DCB Summer Concert in city of your choice under your Sponsorship name
- Named sponsor of our 30th Anniversary Concert
- 4 tickets to post concert "Conductor's Dinner" with James Curnow and Patrick Jensen
- 4 Premium Seating Tickets
- 30th Anniversary Concert CD
- DCB in NYC T-Shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

ff- Fortissimo (\$2500)

- Named sponsor of our 30th Anniversary Concert
- 4 tickets to post concert "Conductor's Dinner" with James Curnow and Patrick Jensen
- 4 Premium Seating Tickets,
- 30th Anniversary Concert CD
- DCB in NYC T-Shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

f- Forte (\$1000)

- 2 Tickets to post concert "Conductor's Dinner" with James Curnow and Patrick Jensen
- 2 Premium Seating Tickets
- 30th Anniversary Concert CD
- DCB in NYC T-Shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

mf- Mezzo-Forte (\$500)

- 2 Premium Seating Tickets and Backstage Experience where you meet and take pictures with Mr. Curnow
- DCB in NYC T-shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

mp- Mezzo-Piano (\$250)

- 2 Premium Seating Tickets to the 30th Anniversary Concert featuring guest conductor James Curnow
- DCB in NYC T-shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

p- Piano (\$100)

- 2 Tickets to the 30th Anniversary Concert featuring guest conductor James Curnow
- DCB in NYC T-shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

pp- Pianissimo (\$50)

- DCB in NYC T-shirt
- DCB Lapel Pin

ppp- Pianississimo (\$25)

- Downriver Community Band Lapel Pin

*Date and time restrictions apply. Concert location and facility minimum requirements may apply. All performance decisions reserved to the Downriver Community Band.

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Support Agreement and Billing Information

I/We agree to the below financial participation in support of the Downriver Community Band and their anticipated endeavors.

Print Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email (required): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Please indicate your favorite dynamic marking (sound) of the band:

_____ **fff- Fortississimo** (\$5,000)

_____ **f- Forte** (\$1,000)

_____ **mp- Mezzo-Piano** (\$250)

_____ **pp- Pianissimo** (\$50)

_____ **ff- Fortissimo** (\$2,500)

_____ **mf- Mezzo-Forte** (\$500)

_____ **p- Piano** (\$100)

_____ **ppp- Pianississimo** (\$25)

Payment Options:

_____ Check enclosed (Made payable to: Downriver Community Band)

_____ Credit card payment (list details in below section)

Name on credit card: _____

Billing address for card: _____

Credit card number: _____

Expiration: _____

Three-digit security code on card: _____

For questions about sponsorship, please email us at downrivercommunityband@gmail.com