

# LAKELAND CONCERT BAND



2025 - 2026 Season  
Band Member Handbook

## **OUR MISSION**

The Lakeland Concert Band is a volunteer organization, dedicated to providing the community with quality musical entertainment and exposure to the fine arts.

## **OUR VISION**

We strive to educate and entertain the community with diverse, quality music from around the world.

## **OUR VALUES**

Be civic-minded and servant-hearted

Add value to the community through good, family-oriented music

Nurture growth of participation in music

Donate time and musical talents for the enjoyment of the community

## **DEDICATION**

This handbook is dedicated to all the past, present, and future members for their unselfish contribution to this organization. Some have come and gone, due to other commitments, and some cherished few have left us for eternity. To all of you who have touched and will touch the Lakeland Concert Band with your lives and with your music, thanks for the memories!

## **PURPOSE**

The information in this handbook is intended to provide answers for our band members regarding many questions that they might have during the season. The policies and procedures contained within are intended to help facilitate better rehearsals and performances, thus allowing us to more fully enjoy the experience of being a member of this organization.<sup>3</sup>

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Lakeland Concert Band is a volunteer organization. We are funded by donations from our audience. We strive to provide a concert that is a high quality, well-balanced performance so that there is something for everyone attending. We strive to play music that meets the band's capability while also being challenging and enjoyable for our members.

The Lakeland Concert Band does not require auditions. A prospective member will need to sit in and rehearse. At that time, we will know if they demonstrate musical competence. Placements will be at the discretion of the music director/conductor.

We are not a recreational band and, therefore, even though we welcome members who are here seasonally on vacation, we have a mission and responsibility to each other and to our audience to properly attend, rehearse, and prepare for our concerts. Individual practice is expected.

## ATTENDANCE

Satisfactory attendance at rehearsals and concerts is required. Band members are expected to attend all rehearsals and are required to attend at least two rehearsals and display appropriate concert preparedness prior to performing in a concert. If you must miss a rehearsal and/or concert, you must notify the music director/conductor, in writing. Please do not rehearse with the band during the last rehearsal before a concert if you are not playing in that concert. **In the event of a last-minute emergency, PLEASE CALL instead of email.**

## SECTION LEADERS/PRINCIPALS

Section leaders are selected by the music director/conductor. They are expected to:

- Attend each rehearsal and concert unless there is an emergency.
- Be responsible for their section receiving, understanding, and carrying out instructions from the conductor specific to their section regarding playing techniques and marking their music appropriately.
- Have a section to work through problems if needed.
- Designate another person in the section to temporarily take over this position if they miss a rehearsal or concert.
- Help seat the section according to playing competency and balance needs.

## REHEARSALS

- 1) Location — Rehearsals are typically at the Lake Mirror Center Auditorium.
- 2) Day and Time — Mondays from 7:00PM until 9:00PM.
- 3) Sign In — Band members need to sign the attendance sheet for each rehearsal.
- 4) Stands — Each musician is responsible for bringing a stand to rehearsal.
- 5) Music — will be available online (public domain) or handed out at rehearsal. Each band member will maintain the folder throughout the concert season instead of turning these in after each concert. **KEEP A PENCIL IN YOUR MUSIC FOLDER**

- 6) Practice proper posture and stage presence.
- 7) Etiquette — please refrain from chatting or practicing during rehearsal. Direct your concerns to the conductor before rehearsal, during the break, or after the rehearsal.

## CONCERTS

- 1) Location — St Paul's Lutheran Church, 4450 Harden Blvd, Lakeland
- 2) Day and Time — Sunday at 2:30PM unless otherwise announced.

Band members are required to be on stage, ready to perform, at 2:20PM.

Tuning will be at 2:10 in the designated area.

- 3) Remember your instrument, stand, and music.

- 4) Concert attire:

**Women:** long-sleeved white blouse with black slacks or longer skirt, and black shoes. Black tights or hose must be worn with short skirts.

**Men:** is a long-sleeved white dress shirt with a black bow tie, black trousers, black belt, black socks and shoes.

- 5) Set-up — begins in the sanctuary at 12:30 PM — tear-down immediately after concert If you are physically able, please help with set-up and tear-down.

Percussionists need to be at set-up to ensure equipment is arranged correctly.

All members are responsible for their folders, stands, mutes, equipment, etc.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## REHEARSAL DATES

September 8, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15 — sight-read then holiday social at 8:00

January 5, 12, \*19, 26

February 2, 9, 16, 23

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

April 6

\*St Paul Lutheran Church Cafetorium — Jan. 19 (MLK Holiday)

## CONCERT DATES

November 9

December 14

February 1

March 8

April 12

Veterans Honor Flight rehearsal & ceremony — to be announced