

DECEMBER 14, 2024
7:30PM | LCCC STOCKER ARTS CENTER

Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for our Celebration of the Season! Get into the holiday spirit as you enjoy some of our favorite music!



For more information on the Patriots Symphonic Band, including dates and locations of future performances, please visit www.patriotsband.com

Merry CHRISTMAS!

Win FREE TICKETS and Support the Band!

Raffle tickets will be sold in the lobby before the concert and during intermission. Tickets are \$10 for 2 and \$20 for 5. The winner must be present to win.

One winner will receive the Raffle Basket valued at \$578 which includes:

- 2 tickets to any Cleveland Orchestra performance through May 2025, orchestra level
- 4 tickets to a Firelands Symphony Orchestra performance in 2024-2025 season (excludes holiday concert)
- 6 tickets to the Music Box Super Club
- 4 tickets to the Patriots Symphonic Band Spring 2025 Concert on April 5, 2025



Winning raffle ticket will be drawn during the second half of tonight's concert!

A Festive Christmas	Kenny Bierschenk
Tuba Christmas	Arranged by Robert W. Smith
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Brian Walsh, Vocalist	Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
You Raise Me Up Brian Walsh, Vocalist	Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland Arranged by John Wasson
Farandole	Georges Bizet Arranged by Larry Daehn



Amazing GraceFrank Ticheli
Little Drummer Boy Kathryn Davis, Henry Onorati, Harry Simeone Arranged by James D. Ployhar
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Russian Christmas Music Alfred Reed
Christmas Sing-A-Long Arranged by James D. Ployhar <i>Brian Walsh, Vocalist</i>

Quality entertainment in the AMERICAN CONCERT BAND TRADITION

The Patriots Symphonic Band Members

Dr. John W. Knight, Conductor, Wellington

VOCALIST

Brian Walsh management consultant, Avon Lake

FLUTE

Cindy Becker manager (retired), Rocky River

Gina Bitonte dentist, Shaker Heights

Gretchen Burmeister funeral director (retired), Avon Lake

Stacy Hetrick scopist, Lakewood

Barbara Lucas business educator (retired), Avon

Tracey Maxwell program director (retired), Berea

Laurie Miller clergy (retired), Elyria

Gretchen Moore registered nurse, North Ridgeville

Jill Murrell music educator (retired), Sheffield Lake

PICCOLO

Stacy Hetrick scopist, Lakewood

OBOE

Kathleen Vittel Abraham music teacher (retired), North Ridgeville

Kim Weaver operating room nurse (retired), Columbia Station

ENGLISH HORN

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CLARINET

Teri Alten *medical technologist*, *North Ridgeville*

Melanie Birchfield executive secretary (retired), Birmingham

Brian Burke *minister* (retired), Wellington

CLARINET CONT.

Sheryl Cawrse winery owner, Huron

Rebecca Darby 911 dispatcher, North Ridgeville

Diane Diekroger college counselor (retired), Avon

Mary Jo Shalkhauser engineer (retired), Amherst

Barbara Sherman teacher (retired), Avon Lake

Karen Sokol music teacher (retired), North Ridgeville

Karen Sprague educator (retired), Elyria

Joe Szabo lineman (retired), Amherst

BASS CLARINET

Lee Shoemaker engineer, Avon Lake

BASSOON

Carol Burke music teacher (retired), Wellington

Melanie Nichols *programmer, Garfield Heights*

ALTO SAXOPHONE

John Kerr plant manager, Fairview Park

Tara Habenicht high school teacher, North Ridgeville

TENOR SAXOPHONE

Janice Peak teacher, Sheffield Lake Brad Vandrasik engineer, Berea

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

Leah Schmitz physician assistant, Avon

TRUMPET

Beth Boudreau teacher (retired), Vermilion

Debbie Chase quality control clerk (retired), Wellington

TRUMPET CONT.

Dave Hager music educator (retired), Westlake

Bill Kannen software business owner (retired), Oberlin

Laurel Lloyd community band director, Westlake

Sandra Orland IT solution architect, Brooklyn Heights

Amanda Shalkhauser industrial hygienist, Berea

Mark Shoemaker architect (retired), Huron

Peter Struk engineer, Olmsted Falls

James Tinsley professional musician, Oberlin

FRENCH HORN

Gretchen Calderhead senior legal assistant, North Olmsted

Jay Calderhead music teacher, North Olmsted

Susan Pack student, Lorain

Benjamin Washburn *GM Jim Pizza Box, Huron*

TROMBONE

Dan Brady carpenter (retired), North Ridgeville

Jeff Krejci insurer, North Olmsted

Frank Lupinski teacher (retired), LaGrange

Don Pincombe US Army (retired)/ security mgr., North Ridgeville

Dave Weaver chemical engineer (retired), Columbia Station

Steve Wiersma engineer (retired), Westlake

EUPHONIUM

Gail Hayden teacher (retired), Grafton

Kurt Shalkhauser engineer (retired), Amherst

Jon Sokol *music teacher* (retired), North Ridgeville



TUBA

Walter Diekroger VA hospital chaplain (retired). Avon

Angelo Kortyka band director, Lakewood

Kevin Mayle 3D digital engineer, Westlake

Gary Twining wine wholesaler (retired)/ wine writer, Elyria

PERCUSSION

Clarence Barber composer/ music editor/publisher, Elyria

Jill Cornell piano/percussion teacher, LaGrange

Sharon Dixon church administrator (retired), Westlake

David Eddleman band director (retired), Avon Lake

Anna Sawyer student, Elyria

Rick Snodgrass purchasing agent (retired), Wellington



DR. JOHN KNIGHT is Professor Emeritus of Conducting and Ensembles and Music Education at Oberlin Conservatory, Oberlin, Ohio. A member of the Oberlin Conservatory community since 1978, he served as chairman of the Conducting Division for many years, retiring in 2013. John received his baccalaureate degree from the University of Central Arkansas and masters and doctoral degrees from Louisiana State University. He is a guest conductor of professional orchestras and bands, all state and honor

ensembles throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia at such venues as the Sir Adrian Boult Hall in Birmingham, England; Severance Hall, Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago Orchestra Hall; and in 2016 in Carnegie Hall, New York.

Dr. Knight is on the board of directors for The Instrumentalist magazine where he has had over 100 published articles on conducting. For his articles he received the Citation of Excellence for creative writing from the Educational Press Association of America. Dr. Knight is the author of The Interpretive Wind Band Conductor published by Meredith Music Publications in 2007, which is devoted to the conducting pedagogy needed for the interpretation of major concert band repertoire, and The Golden Age of Conductors, published by Meredith in 2010, which is an interpretive analysis of musical masterworks by twenty great maestros from Arturo Toscanini to Carlos Kleiber. John is also co-author of the popular textbook "Prelude to Music Education," published by Prentice Hall which is used in college classrooms throughout the USA.



BRIAN WALSH The Patriots Symphonic Band is thrilled to welcome back talented tenor, Brian Walsh, who has performed with the band for various concerts over the past ten years. Brian has spent his life singing. Over the years, he has performed in multiple musicals and choirs in addition to singing with the Patriots. A lifelong westsider who grew up in Lakewood, Brian has lived in Avon Lake for 30 years with his wife, Jenny, and their three daughters, Kelly, Molly, and Megan. One of his most recent performances was at the wedding of Kelly

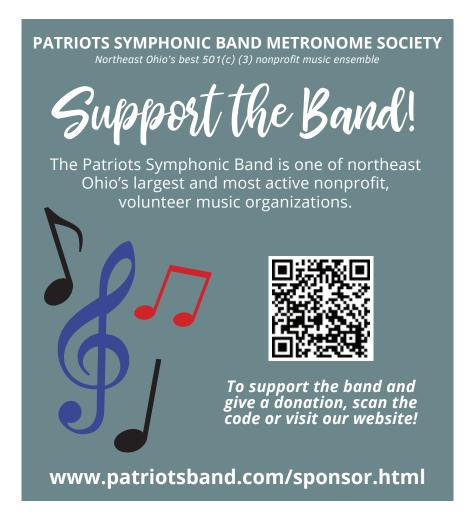
and his new son-in-law, Gabe. He spends his days as a marketing strategy consultant but in his free time, we are pleased he shares his musical talent!

Have questions or want the band to perform somewhere?

Email us at patriotsband.oh@gmail.com

THE PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND, established in 1977 as an Americanstyle hometown concert band, has been providing fun and enriching music to the community for nearly 50 years! The Band, one of the largest and most active non-profit music organizations, draws its volunteer musicians from more than 25 communities across northeast Ohio. Band members range in age from their teens to their nineties demonstrating that playing an instrument is an enjoyable lifelong experience.

The Patriots Band plays several concerts each year and has performed in local town squares and schools as well as Severance Hall and at several Ohio Music Educators Association professional conferences. The Band provides fun and enriching music to both listeners and musicians.



Patriots Symphonic Band METRONOME SOCIETY PATRONS

PRESTO \$1,000+

Dr. Gina Bitonte

VIVACE \$500+

Carol and Brian Burke

ALLEGRO \$250+

Walter and Diane Diekroger Bill Kannen

MODERATO \$100+

Kevin and Cindy Becker Gretchen Burmeister Gail Hayden Jim and Tracey Maxwell Laurie Miller & Paul laster Sandra Orland Susan Russell Dave and Kim Weaver

ADAGIO \$50+

Gretchen Moore Leslie Schraff

LARGO \$25+

Hugh & Christine Harris Karen & Dave Sprague

CORPORATE SUPPORT

The Cleveland Orchestra Firelands Symphony Orchestra Music Box Supper Club Nordson Corporation Paper Moon Winery

PATRIOTS SYMPHONIC BAND LEADERSHIP *denotes board member

Tracey Maxwell, President*

Gretchen Moore, Membership & Communications*

Sandra Orland, Marketing & Outreach*

Lee Shoemaker, Scheduling*

Cindy Skelton-Becker, Fundraising*

Brian Burke, Treasurer

Kay Knight, Librarian

Mary Jo Shalkhauser, Website

Dave Weaver, Sound Recordings

2025 Concert Schedule

Check website for additional concert dates and to confirm concert details as sometimes plans change

Spring Concert Saturday, April 5, 7:30PM

LCCC Stocker Arts Center

Paper Moon Vineyards Concert

Saturday, June 21, 7:00PM 2008 State Road, Vermilion

Independence Day Celebration

Tuesday, July 3, 7:00PM Wellington Town Square

Summer Concert - TBD

Ohio Veterans Home, Sandusky (For residents and families only)

Historical Weekend on Put-in-Bay

Saturday, September 6, 3:00PM Perry's Victory & International Peace Memorial

Holiday Concert 2025

Saturday, December 13, 7:30PM LCCC Stocker Arts Center



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