



**LAKE CITY STINGER BAND**

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## Greetings Members and Friends of the Band

We are busy gearing up for our 2011 season and want to bring you up to date on what has been going on since last fall and our plans for this season. Please read the letter from our Music Director Mike Pearce for his thoughts on our upcoming season.



**NOTICE: Regular Tuesday rehearsals begin May 3rd @ 6:30 PM**

Please be there, we have a lot of material to prepare for this seasons schedule !!

## Christmas in Lake City

Continuing our tradition of participating in the Christmas in Lake City activities, the Band performed at the Mary Stigall Theater at the Moseley Arts Center, on the evening of December 4th. There was a full house and we had 12 band members playing. Earlier in the day our brass ensemble consisting of Durell Thompson, Steve Anderson, Jay Farrar, and Bob Matthews strolled the streets and played Christmas carols at approximately 25 locations around town.

## **2011 Band Performances**

May 28th High School Graduation.

July 4th in the Parade.

July 2nd Concert at the Armory.

August 6th Concert at the Armory.

December 3rd Christmas Concert and Brass Ensemble.

## **Band History**

We are collecting material for a band scrapbook, take a look at it sometime in the band room and see if there is anything you would like to contribute.

## **Fund Raising**

In the fourth quarter of last year we applied for and received two separate \$1,000 grants from the Pioneer Jubilee Women's Club. One grant was for music and repair of instruments and the second grant was for helping us cover expenses for guest soloists to perform with the band this year. Thank you Women's Club for your continuing support.

Membership dues, member donations, supporting member dues and donations, and other supporters are critical to keep us going until we can start bringing in money from concerts and until we can apply for and hopefully receive grants.

Please see the attached Membership Renewal Form, your prompt payment will be very helpful and much appreciated.

## **New Rehearsal Schedule**

Rehearsals for 2011 will continue being on Tuesday nights beginning on May 3rd. We have changed the time to a two hour rehearsal beginning at 6:30 pm and ending at 8:30 pm with a short break in the middle. This will allow us more time to work on new music for our concerts in the limited period of time we have available.

## Part Assignment Guidelines

The Board has drafted guidelines for the assignment of music parts. We would like this to be a voluntary self determined process that allows everyone an opportunity to perform at a level they are comfortable with while maintaining our best performance abilities. See the attached Part Assignment Guidelines.

## Annual Meeting

At the end of our rehearsal on Tuesday July 5th we will conduct our annual meeting for the purpose of electing the five members of our Board of Directors. Some of our current board members have indicated they will not continue so we encourage any of you who would consider serving on the board to let us know so that your name can be included for nomination and we will also accept nominations from the floor at the annual meeting. Contact one of the current board members if you would like more information on being a board member and check out the bylaws on our website for information on how the band is organized and run.

### **2010-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## Letter from Director Mike Pearce

Dear Lake City Stinger Band Members, Guest Players, Friends, and Prospective Guests,

Now seems like a good time to start thinking about the coming summer band season and planning the band's activities. I hope your winter season has been prosperous and productive. I've heard from some of you and relayed some of the things Ann and I have been doing. Our most memorable family adventure was a 10-day trip to China, something I would recommend that everyone do if at all possible. In addition to some enjoyable personal performances, my other all-consuming endeavor was full replacement of my left knee on November 16. Unfortunately, the adventure continues with an emergency operation on March 2 for a staph infection. Daily doses of a strong IV antibiotic are due to end on Sunday, April 17. Your thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.

I want to express my appreciation to Bob Matthews for securing a gift of \$1,000 from the Women's Club and also to Don and Dorothy Farmer for

requesting and receiving an additional \$1,000 from the Women's Club to help with the cost of bringing soloists to perform with us this year.

As is true every season, it's really important that each band member be alert to any possibilities for inviting additional players to participate with the band. We'll welcome all players, no matter how long it's been since they last played or what skill level they feel like they possess. We're just community players trying to provide a service to the town and its visitors and also gain the satisfaction of performing great music to the best of our abilities. At the Western State College Brass Band event in late February, I talked with Kali Sheldon, the fine tuba player from Western State, and she plans to play with us on the July concert. She also plans to bring a trombone player with her, or maybe he's coming on his own. During at least a couple of rehearsal breaks, I heard from members of the brass band that they had been hearing great things about the Lake City Band. Ken Matzick was also participating and may have heard some of the same kind of comments.

If you haven't heard, Tara Hardy has been working on the French horn and we should all wish her well, knowing we'll all benefit from the addition of an important tone color to the sound of the band.

Some of the music we'll have available to choose from for this summer's performances include: \*Note: Pieces marked with an asterisk have some technical sections that could use some looking over and slow, careful practice before we have the full band play them.

Graduation: National Anthem, Pomp and Circumstance, Troy, Other?

July 4 Parade: Strike Up the Band, You Can Call Me Al, Stadium Rock, Macho Nacho

July 4<sup>th</sup> Concert in the Park: Strike Up the Band, National Anthem, God Bless America w/vocal, Others

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Concert: The Avenger, march; All I Ask of You (Phantom), Clair Jessee & Don Farmer, vocals; Atlantic Zephyrs, euphonium solo, Buddy Laws; Carnival of the Animals; \*First Suite for Military Band, Holst; All the Pretty Little Horses; \*La Virgen de la Macarena, featuring Ken Matzick, trumpet; Armed Forces Salute; The Walking Frog; The Liberty Bell, march; My Heart Will Go On, alto sax feature; Tentin Tonight, Civil War song w/audience participation; Horkstow Grange, Percy Graniger; Marines Hymn

August 6 Concert: Oblivion, oboe solo w/band, Sarah Balian; Procession of the Nobles, featuring guest French horn players; \*Benny Goodman Salute; Five Folksongs for Soprano & Band, Claire Jessee; ABBA on Broadway; Harlem Nocturne, featuring alto sax solo; Selections from the Water Music, Handel, featuring guest French horn players; The Legend of Zorro, featuring guest

French horn players; Pavane for a Dead Princess, Ravel, Sarah Balian, English horn; Largo from Xerxes, Handel, Sarah Balian, English horn; Alexander's Rag Time Band, Cindy Bissell, vocal; The Klaxon, march; National Emblem, march

For this concert, I'm inviting 4 + French horn players to join us. I have one confirmation already and think we can have a large enough section that Tara can pick and choose which of the French horn feature pieces she feels ready to tackle.

With a little individual home practice, the assistance of some guest players, and possibly a new band member or two, I think we have the makings of another stand-out season for the Stinger Band and look forward to trying my best to make that happen for our community and for us as performers.

We'll start our evening rehearsals on Tuesday, May 3. See you then!

Mike Pearce, Director

The Lake City Community Band rehearses each Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, with dress rehearsals preceding the July and August concerts. Guest performers are provided with advance copies of music for individual practice and are encouraged to attend dress rehearsals and as many Tuesday rehearsals as possible. Concert apparel is white tops and black bottoms with reversible vests, provided by the band.

For more information about the band and its activities or to inquire about performing as a guest, check the band's website at [lakecityband.org](http://lakecityband.org) or call Mike Pearce at 970-944-0354 or 303-979-6764.

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