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**Medina Community
Band**

Media Release



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<http://www.medinacommunityband.org/>

This material is for the first season concert – Friday, June 17th, 2022.

Site: Medina's Uptown Park Square (intersections of Rts 18, 42, Broadway and Liberty Street). Cancellation of concerts due to the weather will be posted on the above website!

Medina Community Band will present their **third concert** the 2022 summer season, a celebration of 163 years (since 1859) of presenting community concerts in Medina, on **Friday, June 17th, 2022, at 8:30p** – celebrating **Flag Day** in **Medina's Uptown Park Square Gazebo**. Concerts will continue every Friday through **Friday, July 29th**. **A special July 4th concert is planned. All concerts will begin at 8:30p.**

The evening's concert will celebrate **Juneteenth Day** and special guest speaker **Pastor Arthur A. Ruffin, Sr.**

Featured soloist will be **Andrew Tatman**, tuba soloist, performing Arthur Pryor's ***The Blue Bells of Scotland*** and Harold Walter's cornet quartet ***Trumpet Filigree*** featuring **Jeff Danilovic, Lu Ann Gresh, Paul Rocco, and Kevin Wallick, soloists**. Henry Fillmore's trombone characteristic ***Lassus Trombone*** will also be featured

The community band will feature Lisa Galvin's setting of ***We Shall Overcome***, Claude Debussy's ***Girl With the Flaxen Hair***. Marches will include Henry Fillmore's ***Rolling Thunder***, Julius Fucik's ***Entry of the Gladiators – Thunder and Blazes***, Johann Strauss, Sr.'s ***Chinese Galop, Op. 20***, Jamie Texidor's ***Amparito Roca*** and John Philip Sousa's ***The Stars and Stripes Forever***.

The concert will be dedicated to the remembrance of **James Cameron Gowe** (May 23, 1950 – February 13, 2022) and **David Paul Kenat, Sr.** (February 16, 1945 – November 30, 2021) David was the brother of band member Thomas Kenat.

Marcus Neiman conducts Medina Community Band and will be joined in the conducting duties by **John Connors, Matthew Hastings, and Amy Muhl** (assistant conductors).

Medina Community Band is proudly sponsored and supported by the **Medina Community Band Association**, composed of members of Medina Community Band. The board of directors consists of **Lu Ann Gresh**, president; **Amy Muhl**, vice president; **Lindsay Hastings**, financial secretary; **Rodney Hannah**, treasurer; **Sue McLaughlin**, secretary; with directors **John Connors, Jeff Danilovic, Thomas Kenat, and Kristin Thompson**.

Membership in MCB is open and there are no dues or auditions; however, members are expected to maintain a regular attendance. The band rehearses on Wednesday evening from 7p - 9p in the gymnasium of St. Ambrose Church/Parish (929 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH 44212).

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Celebrating Juneteenth Day
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Featuring

Andrew Tatman, tuba soloist
Jeff Danilovic, Lu Ann Gresh, Paul Rocco, and Kevin Wallick, trumpet quartet

Fanfare, *Olympic Spirit* (1988) John Williams
Paul Lavender

Anthem, *Star Spangled Banner* (1889/1917) Francis Scott Key
Sousa/Damrosch

John Connors, conducting

Juneteenth, *We Shall Overcome* (2020) traditional
Setting by Lisa Galvin

Folksong, *The Girl With the Flaxen Hair* (1910) Claude Debussy
Michael Brand

March, *Rolling Thunder* (1918) Henry Fillmore

Tuba solo, *The Blue Bells of Scotland* (1901/1971) Arthur Pryor
E.M. Pearson

Andrew Tatman, soloist

March, *Entry of the Gladiators (Thunder & Blazes)* (1897/1936) Julius Fučík
Louis-Philippe Laurendeau

John Connors, conducting

Trumpet Quartet, *Trumpet Filigree* (1964) Harold Walters

Jeff Danilovic, Lu Ann Gresh, Paul Rocco, and Kevin Wallick, soloists

Galop, *Chinese Galop, Op. 20* (1829/2011) Johann Strauss, Sr.
Thom Roosen

Pasadoble, *Amparito Roca* (1935) Jamie Texidor

Characteristic, *Lassus Trombone* (1915) Henry Fillmore

Featuring the trombone section

Our National March, *The Stars and Stripes Forever* (1996) John Philip Sousa

Patriotic, *God Bless America* (1917) Irving Berlin
Erik Leidzén

Program subject to change



To view entire program online (at our website) scan QR code above!

Conducting Staff



Marcus L. Neiman has been conductor of Medina Community Band since the Fall of 1972 and has served as conductor of the ensemble longer than any previous conductor in the ensemble's history. He attended the Akron Public Schools, received his bachelor of science in music education degree from The University of Akron, master of music in music education degree from The University of Michigan, postgraduate hours at The Kent State University, and The University of Akron.

Neiman retired from posts held with the Medina County Schools Educational Service Center in 2010 (1980 through 2000 as fine arts consultant and 2000 through 2010 as director of fine arts tours and festivals). He was formerly director of bands at Medina High School (1972 through 1980). Neiman retired in July of 2016 from his position as assistant professor of music education at the Hugh A. Glauser School of Music at Kent State University where he was an interim assistant director of bands conducting the Concert Band (May of 2010 through May of 2011) and music education courses, as well as supervising music education student teachers.

Prior to his arrival at Kent State University, Neiman was a part-time lecturer for the music department at Case Western Reserve University with major responsibilities of teaching their "Foundations of Music Education" course and supervising music education student teachers from April 2004 through May of 2010. He also supervised visual arts education student teachers for The University of Akron.

Neiman was a founding trustee and past president of both the Medina County Arts Council and Medina County Performing Arts Foundation and served as music director for productions by both Medina County Show Biz Company and Brunswick Entertainment Company. He served as a committee member on the City of Medina Uptown Park Committee and Arts Under the Stars committee. A past member of Medina Noon Kiwanis Club he was a member of the class of '94 Leadership Medina County. He was awarded the **Leadership Medina County "Excellence in Education Leadership"** in June of 2014, the sixth recipient of the award in Leadership Medina County's history and the only recipient not a superintendent of a school district.

Neiman has served Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) as a member of the adjudicated events flute solo and ensemble required list selection committee, communications, governmental relations, music in our schools, and public relations committees, district president, vice-president, state chair for **Music In Our Schools** and public relations, state editor of their professional journal **TRIAD**, and state chair for their council of supervisors. He was elected by OMEAs membership to serve as state president from July 1, 1998 through July 1, 2000 and is currently OMEAs state historian. He was awarded OMEAs highest honor, the **"Distinguished Service Award"** on January 29th, 2010 at the Professional Development Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. Neiman has been published in Music Educators National Conference journal **MEJ**, **The Instrumentalist**, **The School Musician**, **The Music Educator**, OMEAs **TRIAD**, **FANFARE** magazine, and Bands of America **Newsletter**. His first book, edited for MENC, entitled **Life in the Music Classroom**, was published by MENC in April 1992. He is listed in Marquis **"Who's Who in America"** (58th Edition).

Neiman has appeared with junior high/middle and high school, college and university, community bands, and American Federation of Musicians union professional bands as a guest conductor and in his characterization of famed bandmaster **John Philip Sousa** in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, (state of) Washington, and Wisconsin. On October 15, 2004, Neiman conducted the Volga Concert Band in Saratov, Russia in a Sousa-style concert following a week's residence in Moscow and Saratov. In addition to conducting the Medina Community Band (since 1972), he formed his own professional touring band -- **The Sounds of Sousa Band** -- (in 1992) to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the formation of Sousa's first non-military band. To this date, he has performed for over 200,000 people in the role of Sousa.

Neiman's goal has always been to preserve the presence and character of the traditional "town-band." In addition, Neiman has encouraged composers to write for the band. Over the years, the band has commissioned works by Douglas Court, Robert Feldbush, Stuart Ling, Edmund J. Siennicki, Tadd Russo, and David Shaffer. Neiman is a member of numerous professional organizations including the National Association for Music Education and Ohio Music Education Association, National Band Association, Ohio Alliance for Arts Education and Ohio Citizens for the Arts. Neiman is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi (University of Michigan Nu chapter, and honorary Beta Pi at Kent State University). He is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership society – The University of Akron - Theta Circle). He and his wife Mary Ann, who is a professional clarinetist reside in Medina with Ludwig – the cat.

John Connors, assistant conductor, is a Sergeant First Class in the Ohio Army National Guard, where he serves as the full-time Readiness Noncommissioned Officer of the 122nd Army Band in Columbus. In addition to these duties, he continues to perform as a trombone player and serve as drum major, where he has led the band in parades throughout the state of Ohio. 2022 will mark Connors' fifteenth year serving in the Ohio National Guard. Outside of the Army, John remains active as a freelance musician throughout Ohio and currently plays lead trombone in the John Trapani Big Band of Canton. He has also served as trombone soloist with the Brass Band of the Western Reserve in Akron. Additionally, he performs on historical instruments with the Civil War period ensembles The 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band, The Camp Chase Fifes and Drums, and the 2nd Cavalry Brigade Band. He joined the Medina Community Band in 2002 to play trombone, and he has also played in the euphonium, horn, and percussion sections. Connors holds a Master of Music Degree in Music Education from the University of Akron (2019), Master of Music degree in Trombone Performance from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh (2014), and Bachelor of Music degree in Trombone Performance, with a minor in Jazz Studies, from Ohio University in Athens (2012). He graduated from Highland High School in 2007. Connors has studied conducting with Richard Suk and Andrew Trachsel at Ohio University, Andrew Feyes and Galen Karriker at The University of Akron, and with Marcus Neiman.



Matthew Hastings, assistant conductor, has been employed with the Wadsworth City Schools since 2015. At Wadsworth, Hastings oversees the 5th and 6th grade band programs, assists with the marching band during band camp, and serves as theatre manager for

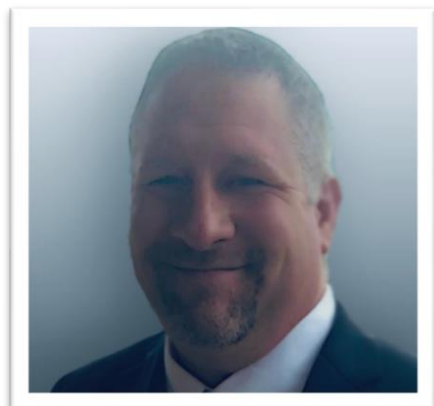
Wadsworth's OJ Work Auditorium. Prior to his appointment at Wadsworth, he completed his student teaching experience at Donnell Middle School in Findlay, Ohio teaching grades 6-8 band and grades 6-7 general music. Hastings joined the Medina Community Band in 2018 where he plays tuba and percussion, and he is also serving as an assistant conductor for the 2019 summer session.

Hastings graduated from Green High School in Green, Ohio in 2011, and earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from Ohio Northern University in 2015. He resides in Medina with his wife, Lindsay and their dog, O'Malley.

Amy Muhl has been a member of Medina Community Band since 1998 and appointed as an assistant conductor in 2022. Originally from Lyme, Connecticut, moved to Ohio to study music education at Oberlin Conservatory in 1991. She graduated in 1995 and taught orchestra for two years in the Willard City Schools. Amy received her masters of music education from Kent State University on a scholarship, in 1998. She then taught instrumental music at Buckeye High School, in Medina (OH) and in the fall of 1999, became the elementary band teacher for Buckeye Local Schools. In the fall of 2001, she began teaching elementary instrumental music at Central Intermediate School in the Wadsworth City Schools. After raising Eva and Simon for 5 years, Amy returned to Wadsworth Schools teaching general music at Valley View Elementary and is now back at Central Intermediate School teaching general music and choir. Amy also plays flute/piccolo and piano, in addition to being a member of Medina Community Band and Sounds of Sousa Band. She is also Vice President of the Medina Community Band Association. Amy resides in Wadsworth with her husband Frank, and three children Kenneth, Eva and Simon.

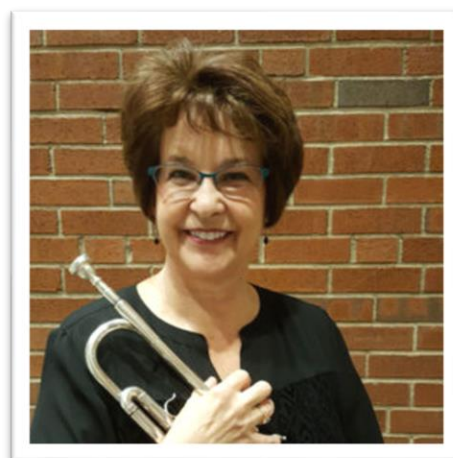


Soloist and Guest Speaker



Jeff Danilovic, trumpet quartet, is a registered nurse with 19 years experience in Cardiothoracic Intensive Care and Home Care Nursing where he currently has the role of Clinical Market Manager.. He earned an Associates Degree in Nursing from Cuyahoga Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Ohio University. Prior to his career in nursing, Jeff studied music education at The Ohio State University where he participated in various ensembles including the Trumpet Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and The Ohio State University Marching Band. He joined the Medina Community Band in 2018 and is also a member of The Brass Band of the Western Reserve. Jeff and his wife Colleen, reside in Medina, Ohio with their children Caitlin, Connor, and Molly.

Lu Ann Gresh, trumpet quartet, is a retired elementary music specialist with 36 years of experience. She has both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in music education from The University of Akron. She has taught for the Revere City Schools, Highland Local Schools, Clark County Schools in Las Vegas, Nevada, and most recently Wadsworth City Schools. She taught preschool music and adult beginning piano classes at The University of Akron. Lu Ann and her husband, Paul, reside in Wadsworth, Ohio. She has two children, Jonathan and Kelsey. She has been a member of the Medina Community Band since 1997. She also has played in the Sounds of Sousa Band, and is a member of the Brass Band of the Western Reserve. Lu Ann currently serves as the trumpet section leader. She is president of the Medina Community Band Association.



Paul V. Rocco, trumpet quartet, originally from Brooklyn, New York, studied trumpet at SUNY at Fredonia, later completing a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Music at the University of Akron. While at The University of Akron, he studied with Tucker Jolly and Scott Johnston, continuing with Geoff Hardcastle after graduation. Rocco moved to Ohio to take the position of police officer for the City of Medina, retiring in 2009 after 20 years of service. He became a member of Medina Community Band in 1989. He also performs with the Brass Band of the Western Reserve. Rocco is presently teaching private trumpet lessons for Barberton Middle and High Schools, and Green Middle School. He resides in Medina with wife Gayle, son Gary, three rescue dogs and a cat.

Pastor Arthur A. Ruffin, Sr., special guest speaker, was born and raised in Akron, Ohio, and is the twelfth of sixteen children to the late Charles and Ernestine Ruffin. He is married to Medina, OH native Tracey Ruffin (Robinson). Together they have eight children and 13 grandchildren.

Pastor Ruffin is committed to serving the Lord through the call of being a pastor. Currently, he is the pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Medina. A faithful shepherd willing to do all that God requires to see souls saved, free from spiritual bondage, and empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

After the death of George Floyd in 2020, Pastor Ruffin organized a Unity Demonstration that took place on Medina's Historic Square. This led to the organizing of a local group of Pastor's from Medina County who meet once a month to discuss racial injustice. In 2021 he coordinated a three-day City-wide revival.

He currently is a member of the Medina Hospital Community Advisory Council, the United Way Emergency Food and Shelter Program, and is an advisor to Sister Circle Medina, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded by his wife.

Above all, Pastor Ruffin is a visionary, organizer, and teacher of God's Word. He is dedicated to serving the ministry, his congregation, and the community.



Kevin Wallick, trumpet quartet, is a graduate of Bowling Green State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications. He has been married to his wife Kim for 34 years, and they have one daughter, Amanda.

Kevin is the Business Manager for the City of Wadsworth CityLink operations. Prior to that he was Senior Vice President of Operations for Frontier in West Virginia and previously held other leadership roles within Frontier in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio where he began his career in 2010 as General Manager of Eastern Ohio. Kevin also worked in management for Best Buy and Sterling incorporated over his almost 40-year career.

Wallick is a lifelong Ohio resident, has played trumpet for almost 50 years. As a young boy he found what he thought was a suitcase in the closet and pried open the latch to find his father's cornet which began his interest in the trumpet and cornet. He currently resides in North Canton, Ohio. Kevin has been a member of the Medina Community Band since 2016.

Andrew Tatman, tuba soloist, a Wadsworth (OH) native, Andrew Tatman is currently a freelance performer and educator throughout the Northeast Ohio area. A member of the Medina Community Band since 2010, he has also performed with the Ohio Valley Symphony (Gallipolis, OH), River Cities Symphony (Marietta, OH) and the Northeast Ohio Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble (NOTE). Andrew is currently the Low Brass Instructor at Barberton City Schools and Music & Arts in Parma. He maintains a private studio where he teaches lessons to a variety of students from 5th grade to older adults. He has previously been the Low Brass Instructor at Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School and the Tuba and Euphonium Instructor at the Athens Community Music School. Andrew completed his Masters of Music in Music Theory (2022) from Ohio University in Athens, OH where he also completed his Bachelors of Music in Tuba Performance (2017). His primary teachers are Dr. Jason Roland Smith, Dr. Steven Darling, and Mr. Bernie Williams.



In Remembrance

James Cameron Gowe

May 23, 1950 – February 13, 2022



Jim Gowe was proud to be a lifetime member of the Medina community, like several generations of his family before him. Jim had a special love for Medina town square, and the surrounding historic neighborhoods, which he enjoyed helping to preserve. Jim was a supporter of the Medina Community band and enjoyed the nostalgia of Friday concerts on the square with his family and children. In high school, Jim played fall football and trombone in concert band the rest of the year, this was revolutionary at the time! Jim's family hopes that he will be remembered for his gentle smile, his compassionate heart and the love he had for Medina, the city he was proud to call home.

He was a 1968 graduate of Medina High School and a 1972 graduate of The Ohio State University, his favorite class was one that was taught by Woody Hayes. Always a self-starter, Jim founded 620 Construction, a commercial and industrial construction company. He then created Gowe Leasing, Ltd. to fill a need he saw for commercial rental space in Medina. During his career, Jim was privileged to work with some of the finest craftsmen and subcontractors in

the area. He felt honored to call them friends.

Jim was most proud of the relationship he had with his daughters, Laura, and Stacey. Raising them to adulthood was both an honor and a privilege. Most of the time, it was even a joy! Jim was a lover of roads less traveled. He was always ready for a road trip and was most happy when he could include a convertible with the top down, family, friends, and a dog or two. If, along the way, he spotted a Krispy Kreme shop with the red light flashing, the trip was perfect. Along the road, Jim would humor you with his funny stories that were usually at his own expense.

Jim's favorite place in this world was affectionately called "The Farm". Sharing the farm with family and friends for bon fires, camping, fishing or picnics gave him great pleasure. He would hop on a tractor and mow for hours, stopping only for a bite of lunch, to greet a neighbor or give a grandchild a ride. Neither darkness nor an accidental slide into the pond would stop him. He was happiest tinkering in his shop or hauling manure which accumulated daily from the myriad of farm animals belonging to his children and grandchildren. He was so proud of his granddaughters who are growing into talented equestrians and his grandson who's a champion "mutton-buster". He already knew his newest grandchild, who shares his middle name, was destined to be a great farm hand! He had big plans to harness his unending energy to plant more of his beloved trees.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy (Cunningham) Gowe; daughters, Laura (Rigo) Gowe, Stacey (Bret) Gowe-Burba; beautiful grandchildren, Maylie, Zoey, Austin, Jade, Liam, and Kane. He is also survived by his sister, Jacquelyn (Gowe) Kehnle; niece, Jamisen (Aaron) Midcap; grandniece, Vega; grandnephew, Jaden; brother-in law, Rodger Post and sister-in-law, Patricia (Cunningham) Post; cousins, John Francis, Jr. and Rebecca Krans; along with many special friends and neighbors.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Neil R. Gowe and Jo Ann (Deibel) Gowe; brother-in law, Jeffrey Kehnle; cousins, Stephen and John Francis, and Doug and Don Gowe.

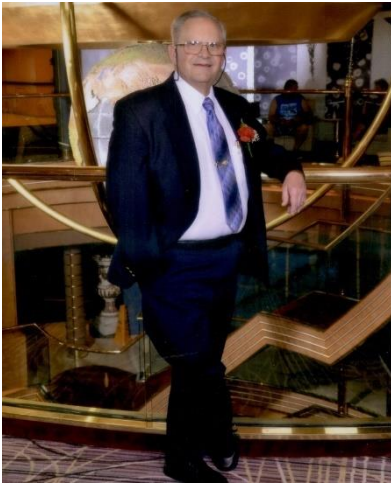
To keep his memory alive, the family would love for you to share any stories about Jim that you might have. Please send them to The Gowe Girls, c/o 620 E. Smith Rd., E-1, Medina, OH 44256.

Thank you.

In Remembrance

David Paul Kenat, Sr.

February 16, 1945 – November 30, 2021



David Paul Kenat, Sr., 76, died November 30, 2021, surrounded by his family. Dave was born February 16, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Arthur and Frances Kenat. In his youth, he loved being on his Uncle Cress' farm and loved horses, and dreamed of being a cowboy. He was very close to his neighbor, Mr. Beatty, a dentist and that motivated him to study to become a dentist. He loved sailing with his father and brother. Like his father and brother, he had a real talent in music, especially the tuba and double bass.

Dave put himself through college by working at the USPS and college cafeteria. While at college, he changed his mind his senior year from dentistry and majored in accounting, like his father. He graduated from Case Western Reserve University, one of the top ranked schools in the country, as a certified Public Accountant and went to work at Price Waterhouse. In a chance meeting while doing accounting services for Diamond Shamrock Corporation, he met his future bride, Alice Solnosky, who had moved to Cleveland from Hastings,

Pa. The couple married and had their first son.

Dave came to Montana in 1973 to serve as temporary Corporate Controller for Montana Banks under Eldon Kuhns. What was supposed to last only nine to eighteen months, turned into a life spent in the Big Sky State. He became active in the Billings Chamber of Commerce group known as the Blue Blazers. After leaving banking, he met and worked in acquisitions for Herm Wessel of United Agra Products, a subsidiary of Con Agra, who became his lifelong friend. His work caused him to travel 50 weeks a year to places like Egypt, England, Canada, Mexico, and throughout the United States. He was proud of being Delta Airlines most frequent flyer in Montana.

That amount of travel and responsibility was not without significant stress. On the weekends, he relaxed by working with Herm on his ranch, Quad Five. He raved about the sheep and fields of wheat to his east coast in-laws so much that he convinced them to move to Montana to work the ranch together. Dave always said, the most honorable and richest men he knew had manure on their boots.

Dave was a quiet philanthropist. He gave generously to others and privately to causes. He was a giver in small things and big things, from never letting anyone pick up the tab at a restaurant to taking his son and daughter in law on an all-expense paid cruise to Europe. He was a true capitalist who believed money was to benefit the self, the family, and others. His work helped thousands of people support their families. While in Montana, Dave and Alice had their second son. Dave, having been a boy scout himself, encouraged his sons to be scouts. Dave was active in transporting scouts to events throughout the state. An avid reader, he loved historical westerns. He was such a fan of author Terry C. Johnston that the author came and had dinner with Dave on his 50th birthday. After retiring from Con Agra, he followed his father's footsteps and opened his own private firm serving as chief financial officer for fifteen companies until the day he went to the hospital. In addition, Dave worked tax season with Galusha, Higgins, and Galusha. He cared for his clients and became friends with many of them. In his semi-retirement, he loved to go on cruises around the world. He was an adventurer to the end.

He is survived by his loving bride, Alice, his brother, Dr. Thomas Kenat (bride: Nancy), sister in law Wynne, his son, Rev. Dr. David Jr (bride: Cory), his son Brian, granddaughter Madilyn, many nieces and nephews, and numerous loving in-laws.

Medina Community Band



Banding together to celebrate a new land. The Medina Community Band traces its beginnings back to 1859, when a group of local wind and percussion players got together (some with formal training - others without) to perform music for the community. That first "community band" was called *The Medina Silver Cornet Band*, probably since the instruments the musicians used were primarily "silver lacquer coated" cornets or percussion. Since its beginning in 1859, that the band has been in existence, there have been 20 directors. **Marcus Neiman** has served as conductor since 1972 with **John Connors** serving as assistant conductor (since 2015), and **Matthew Hastings** as assistant conductor (since 2019), and **Amy Muhl**, as assistant conductor (since 2022)

Early versions of the band probably existed at the pleasure of the square's business community, who often funded the season and encouraged patrons to attend the concerts. The performance night has changed over the years, in most cases at the urging of the business community, and season concerts have been given on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Since the 1970s, the band has been supported by donations from the general public and, to this day, is supported through these donations. Band members donate their time and talent to rehearsing and performing for the community as members of the ensemble.

Since the 1970s, Medina Community Band has traveled outside Medina to perform: Ashland Brookside Bandstand (1980, 81, 93); Bay Village (Connections Series 1990, 91, 92); Canton (Kent State Stark Community Band Exchange Concerts 1995, 96, 98, 99); Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland Youth Winds Exchange concerts – Severance Hall – 2002 and 07, Medina, 2005); Cleveland State University (2010, 13); Dalton (Wayne County Schools Honors Bands 1983); Mentor (Lakeland Civic Band Festival 1985 and 1990); Mercer (PA) (with Mercer Community Band, 2009); Milan (EHOVE Career Center, 1993-2007); and, Wadsworth (Wadsworth Community Band Festival 2007). In February of 2015, Medina Community Band was selected by blind audition to perform at the Ohio Music Education Association Professional Development Conference in Cleveland.

Regional and nationally known conductors have appeared with Medina Community Band. Since the 1970, the following individuals have appeared as guest conductors: David Adamson; William Bauer (Florida State University); Frank Cosenza (Mentor, OH); Albert Oliver Davis; Paul Droste (Ohio State University), John Boyd (Indiana State University); Wayne Gorder (Kent State University); John Franklin (Kent State University); Patricia Ann Grutzmacher (Kent State University); Richard Jackoboice (University of Akron); Robert Jorgensen (University of Akron); Galen Karriker (University of Akron); Jesse Leyva (Kent State University); Gene Milford (University of Akron); Nathan Muehl (St. Petersburg College, Florida); Bill Park (North Royalton Community Band); David Seiberling (Moore Community Band); Edmund J. Siennicki; and, Nathan Stark (Montana State University).

The following individuals have been commissioned, or have written, or arranged, works for Medina Community Band: Douglas Court; Albert Oliver Davis; Robert Feldbush; Percy Hall; Floyd O. Harris; Stuart Ling; Gene Milford; Bill Park; Tadd Russo; David Schaffer; David Seiberling; Edmund J. Siennicki; Gail Sigmund; and, Jonathan Tietz.

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