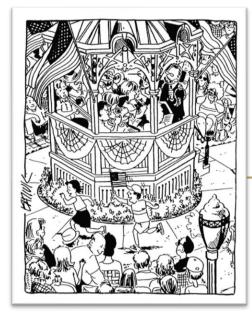
Media Release



Complete information on each concert, literature performed, soloists, and guest conductors, as well as personnel for each concert can all be found on our website:

http://www.medinacommunityband.org/

This material is for the first season concert - Friday, July 15, 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 seventh concert of the 2022 summer season, a celebration of 163 years (since 1859) of presenting community concerts in Medina, on **Friday, July 15**th, **2022**, at **8:30p**, in **Medina's Uptown Park Square Gazebo**.

Featured soloists will be **Jeff Danilovic**, trumpet soloist, performing Leroy Anderson's *Trumpeters Lullaby* and mezzo-soprano soloist **Denise Milner-Howell** performing Bizet's *Habanera* (from *Carmen*) and George Gershwin's *How Long Has This Been Going On?* (from *Funny Face*).

A Dixieland ensemble consisting of Mary Ann Grof-Neiman, clarinet; Marcia Nelson-Kline, trumpet; Rodney Hannah, trombone; and, Kyle Snyder, tuba, will perform Jared Spears At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral. The trombone section of the ensemble will be featured in Fillmore's Lassus Trombone.

Also featured will be McLeod's Dixieland composition *Radio Rag* featuring x, clarinet; x trumpet; x trombone; and, x tuba. Don Jacoby's *Carnival Variations* trumpet trio will feature *Marcia Nelson-Kline*, *Lu Ann Gresh*, *and Paul Rocco* as soloists.

The community band will feature Randall D. Sandridge's *Fiat Lux* (*Let There Be Light*) fanfare; John Williams' *Summon the Heroes*, Alan Silvestri's *Captain America*; and Modest Mussorgsky's *The Great Gate of Kyiv* (from *Pictures at an Exhibition*). Patriotic marches will include Villanueva's *Honor With Dignity*, Bagley's *National Emblem*; and Sousa's *Stars and Stripes Forever*. The band will also present an armed forces salute.

The concert will be dedicated to the remembrance of **Jane Abell Miller** (May 17, 1931 – November 28, 2021) and **Donald Gay Simmons** (May 22, 1930 – January 3, 2021).

Area social and civic groups will be featured as summer social hosts providing light refreshments at a reasonable donation during each concert: **Marcus Neiman** conducts Medina Community Band and will be joined in the conducting duties by **John Connors, Matthew Hastings, and Amy Muhl** (assistant conductors). The social host for the Friday, June 3rd concert will be **Salvation Army**.

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).

For additional information on the 2022 concert season or Medina Community Band, contact Neiman at 330.725.8198 or MarcusNeiman@medinacommunityband.org, or visiting Medina Community Band website –

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The Medina Community Band

Marcus L. Neiman, conductor

John Connors, Matthew Hastings, & Amy Muhl, assistant conductors Monday, July 4, 2022

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Featuring

Jeff Danilovic, trumpet solo & Denise Milner Howell, vocal soloist Marcia Kline, Lu Ann Gresh, and Paul Rocco, trumpet quartet

Fanfare, Bugler's Dream (1996)	Villiams Lavender
Anthem, Star Spangled Banner (1889/1917) Francis Sc	cott Key oyd Werle
Suite, <i>Guadalajara</i> (from <i>Suite 'Espagnole'</i>) (1933)	. Fulton
March, <i>March of the Belgian Paratroopers</i> (1935) Pierre Le	emans
Trumpet solo, <i>Trumpeters Lullaby</i> (1949)	iderson
Jeff Danilovic, soloist	
March, New Colonial (1901)	.B. Hall
Mezzo-Soprano Solo, <i>Habanera</i> (from <i>Carmen</i>) (1875/1973)	ge Bizet B. Smith
Mezzo-Soprano Solo, <i>How Long Has This Been Going On?</i> (from <i>Funny Face</i>) (1927/2000)	ershwin en Barker
Denise Milner Howell, soloist	
Dixieland, <i>Radio Rag</i> (1974)	McLeod
TBA, soloists	
March, Semper Fidelis (1888)	Sousa
Trumpet quartet, <i>Carnival Variations</i> (1956)	Jacoby
Marcia Kline, Lu Ann Gresh, and Paul Rocco, soloists	
March, Washington Post (1899)	Sousa
Our National March, <i>The Stars and Stripes Forever</i> (1996)	Sousa :
Patriotic, <i>God Bless America</i> (1917)	
Erik Leidzén	

Program subject to change



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





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. 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.

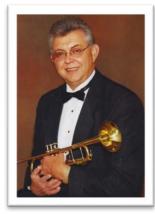
Soloists



Jeff Danilovic, trumpet trio, 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 soloist, 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 trio, 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.

Kevin Wallick, cornet soloist, 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 rumpet/cornet. He currently resides in North Canton, Ohio. Kevin has been a member of the Medina Community Band since 2016.



In Remembrance

Jane Abell Miller

May 17, 1931 - November 28, 2021



Jane Abell Miller was a mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, sister and friend. She left this world suddenly on Sunday, November 28, 2021 at the age of 90. She was born to Henry and Blanche (Raymont) Abell in Cleveland on May 17, 1931.

Jane grew up in Medina on her family's Elm Farm Dairy, where she grew a passion for horses and dogs. Upon graduating from Medina High School in 1949, Jane attended The Ohio State University receiving a bachelor's degree in art education as well as participating on the diving team. After finishing school, Jane taught art at Medina City Schools for 34 years and was known as 'Mrs. Art.' She continued her passion for horses and poodles throughout her life. She was particularly proud of showing horses into her 70's, traveling the world and enjoying the fine arts notably the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra at Severance Hall.

Jane's greatest achievement is her three daughters, Shannon, Margo and Monica and passing her passion for animals and art

to them. Jane used her lifelong teaching skills and love for horses to teach her daughters and grandchildren how to live and pursue their dreams.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Blanche Abell; daughter, Monica Miller and siblings, Carl Abell and Lois (Abell) Dalton.

She is survived by her daughters, Shannon (Miller) Fisher and Margo Miller; sister, Ellen (Abell) Gildersleeve; grandchildren, James and Jade (Geitgey) Fisher and Patrick Fisher; great-grandchildren, Monica and Vincent Fisher. She is also survived by her lifetime friend, Dr. Margaret Cummins and sister-in-law, Sherri Abell.

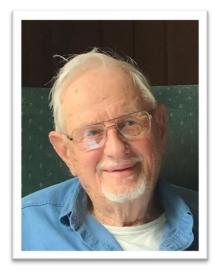
Donald Gay Simmons

May 22, 1930 – January 3, 2021

Donald Gay Simmons, age 90 of Medina, died January 3, 2021 in Medina, Ohio. He was born on May 22, 1930, to Gay and Mildred (Arnold) Simmons in Medina, Ohio.

Don was raised in Granger Township and graduated from Sharon High School in 1948. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean War. During his time of service, he married Edith Eyerdom, who was the quiet force behind the force for the remaining 68 years and 363 days of his life. After his discharge, he joined his father and three brothers in the construction firm of Gay Simmons and Sons, as a journeyman carpenter. When Gay retired in 1959, he and brother Harold formed Simmons Brothers Building Contractor, the commercial and industrial construction company which is today known as Simmons Brothers Construction, where he retired as Chairman and CEO in 2019.

In 1971, he joined Jack Hansen and Pete Gorfido, and brothers Bernie and Harold, and together they founded Indelser of Medina, an industrial development and construction management company. When Bernie retired in 1992, Don founded, and was still president of, Progress



Industrial Properties, which developed both Progress Industrial Park and Portside Corporate Park in Medina. These business interests touched most of the industrial, and much of the commercial and institutional sectors of the City of Medina over the past 70 years.

In 1960, he began his lifelong love of community service with his election to Sharon Township Trustee, and rose to be president of the Ohio State Association of Township Trustees and Clerks. He served as Medina County Commissioner from 1973-77 at which time he also served as president of the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA). He served as past Chairman of the Medina County Republican Party for 13 years and Chairman of the Medina County Board of Elections. He was an active member and past president of the Medina Area Chamber of Commerce and was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 1996. He was a founding member and charter class graduate of Leadership Medina County and in 2006 received its Excellence in Medina County Leadership Award. He was a founding member of the Medina County Economic Development Corporation and served in various capacities over the years. In 2006, he was awarded the MCEDC Lifetime Achievement Award, and in 2019, its Outstanding Community Advocate Award. He retired from its board of directors in 2018.

He was a lifelong member and supporter of 4-H youth in Medina County and supported the Junior Fair Livestock Sale at the county fair annually since its inception. He was an avid vegetable gardener and looked forward to the annual county fair vegetable contest where he won numerous Best of Show awards. He especially loved spending solitary hours in his meticulous orchard where he planted new fruit trees every year and shared the bounty. He was a founding member of Sharon Lions Club, and bowled and golfed in the Sharon Athletic Club league for over 40 years. For many years, he sang in a SPEBSQA Barbershop harmony group. He loved to follow local high school sports and was an avid Browns, Indians and Buckeyes fan. In recent years, he loved working with his hands again in his shop. Throughout his life he never lost his ability for meticulous craftsmanship, which is a trademark of his construction company.

Don was born into a church family and never missed a Sunday church service by choice. Much of his service life was dedicated to his church in many capacities. Most recently, he was a longtime member of The Chapel in Akron and served on its Board of Trustees for many years including past chairman. His Sunday School class and Bible study fellowship were like extended family to him and are today one by one being reunited in Heaven for all of eternity.

Don is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Edith (Eyerdom) Simmons; children, Stevie (Dave) Vodika, Bill (Linda) Simmons, Carol (Mark) Shenker, Cathy (Pete) Blackford; grandchildren, Kelly (Kevin) Broadsword, Craig (Stacy) Simmons, Jenna (Adam) Rupp, Mike (Becky) Vodika, Jody (Ben) Sohar, Leah (Ben) Decker, Scott (Amanda) Shenker, Kevin (Jessica) Shenker, Jeff (Evelyn) Shenker, Eli (Kaylah-fiancé) Blackford, Molly Blackford; 22 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert Simmons and Harold Simmons. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Gay and Mildred Simmons; and his brother Bernie Simmons.

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 it's 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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