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**Medina Community
Band**

Media Release



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This material is for the first season concert – Friday, June 3rd, 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 begin the 2022 summer season, a celebration of 163 years (since 1859) of presenting community concerts in Medina, on **Friday, June 3rd, 2022, at 8:30p**, 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.**

Featured soloists will be **Paul Rocco**, flugelhorn soloist, performing Chuck Mangione's *Children of Sanchez*, and **Amy Muhl**, flute soloist, performing Claude Bolling's *Baroque and Blue*. A Dixieland ensemble consisting of **Mary Ann Grof-Neiman, clarinet; Lu Ann Gresh, trumpet; Rodney Hannah, trombone; and, Kyle Snyder, tuba**, will perform Red McLeod's *State Street Strut*.

The community band will feature Jacques Offenbach's *Overture to Orpheus in the Underworld*; with marches by Uebel (*Sounds of Elation*); Fillmore (*Circus Bee*); Grafulla (*Washington Grays*); and Sousa (*Washington Post* and *The Stars and Stripes Forever*). City of Medina Mayor **Dennis Hanwell** and Medina Community Band President **Lu Ann Gresh** will welcome the audience for the June 3rd concert.

The concert will be dedicated to the remembrance of **Raymond Edwin Denson** (August 23, 1929 – December 13, 2019); **Donald Moore** (May 14, 1933 – December 4, 2020) and his wife **Barbara Moore** (January 2, 1929 – October 2, 2021); and **Helen T. Rocco** (January 2, 1929 – October 2, 2021). Helen was the mother of soloist Paul Rocco. Raymond and Donald served as president of the Breakfast Kiwanis Medina Community Band Association.

Lu Ann Gresh, president of the Medina Community Band Association, states "our members are very anxious to soon be back to performing on the square of Medina each Friday night in June and July. At rehearsals, I see very dedicated musicians giving it their all in preparation for these concerts. We are a band family. We care about each other and about our band fans. The Summer of 2022 is going to be many memorable nights of fine music in the gazebo."

Conductor Marcus Neiman commented, "Without question this has been the most unusual and unexpected adventure of my career as conductor of Medina Community Band. We still don't feel that we are out of the COVID trials and tribulations. There remains too much uncertainty!

As an ensemble, we have agreed that, for our protection, our best course through the pandemic has been to require that all members of the ensemble are fully vaccinated. This wasn't an easy decision, but one that the band and our governing board agreed and the conducting staff agreed was essential for our ability to rehearse and perform.

Loosing six months of playing/rehearsing time (from September through February) has been another unexpected adventure for us all. The luxury of having ample time to rehearse and determine which selections will/will not work for us just wasn't possible. Thus, we have been pushed to make decisions based on how much rehearsal time is available and which pieces can be prepared in the time available. If there is a bottom line, it would be that the quality of each program and how musically it must be determined by our ability to prepare!

I have been amazed at the hard work and dedication of the ensemble. It is evident that they are so very happy to be back rehearsing and preparing to get up on the Gazebo to make music for our audiences. We have decided to go forward with dedication of our concerts to very special people in our band family; however, since we were not able to recognize many people since our 2019 season, we will be recognizing multiple people each week.

Without question, I want to thank our governing board, the conducting staff, section leaders of the ensemble, and each and every member of our community band for their hard work and determination to make this summer season happen."

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 the **Medina Lions Club**.

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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Welcome by Mayor Dennis Hanwell, City of Medina

Friday, June 3, 2022

Amy Muhl, flute soloist and Paul Rocco, flugelhorn soloist

Mary Ann Grof-Neiman, clarinet; Lu Ann Gresh, trumpet; Rod Hannah, trombone; Kyle Snyder, tuba

Social sponsored by Medina Lions Club

In Remembrance Raymond Edwin Denson

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Fanfare, <i>Summon the Heroes</i> (1996)	John Williams Paul Lavender
Anthem, <i>Star Spangled Banner</i> (1889/1917)	Francis Scott Key Sousa/Damrosch
Overture, <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i> (1858/1889)	Jacques Offenbach Floyd Odom
March, <i>Sounds of Elation, Op. 70 (Jubelklänge)</i> (1936)	Ernst Uebel Siegfried Rundel
Flugelhorn solo, <i>Children of Sanchez</i> (1978/2015)	Chuck Mangione Lorenzo Bocci
<i>Paul Rocco, soloist</i>	
Galop, <i>Circus Bee</i> (1908)	Henry Fillmore
Flute solo, <i>Baroque and Blue</i> (1973)	Claude Bolling Robert O'Brien
<i>Amy Muhl, soloist</i>	
March, <i>Washington Grays</i> (1861/1905)	Claudio S. Grafulla G.H. Reeves (Laurendeau)
Dixieland, <i>State Street Strut</i> (1972)	Red McLeod
<i>Mary Ann Grof-Neiman, clarinet; Lu Ann Gresh, trumpet; Rod Hannah, trombone; Kyle Snyder, tuba, soloists</i>	
March, <i>Washington Post</i> (1899)	John Philip Sousa
Our National March, <i>The Stars and Stripes Forever</i> (1996)	John Philip Sousa

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.

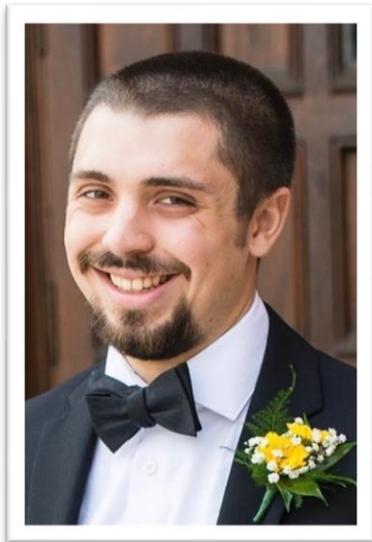
Neiman was a founding trustee and past president of both the Medina County Arts Council and Medina County Performing Arts Foundation and served as music director for productions by both Medina County Show Biz Company and Brunswick Entertainment Company. He served as a committee member on the City of 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

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.



Amy Muhl has been a member of Medina Community Band since

Soloists

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.



Mary Ann Grof-Neiman, clarinet soloist and Dixieland clarinet, clarinet section leader and head librarian, received her bachelor of science in music education degree from the Bowling Green State University. Ms. Grof-Neiman has served as principal clarinetist with the Sounds of Sousa Band and as clarinetist for the Blossom Festival Band, the Cleveland Winds, Lakeland Civic Band, Lakeside Symphony Orchestra, Youngstown Symphony, Chagrin Falls Studio Orchestra and Erie Philharmonic. She currently performs with the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra, Heights Chamber Orchestra, Lakewood Home Town Band, Akron Symphonic Winds and Medina Community Band, where she serves as band librarian. She maintains private studios at Baldwin Wallace University Community Arts School as well as her home in Medina. She has served the Ohio Music Education Association as a Woodwind Adjudicator for over 30 years and is a member of AFM Local 4. She resides in Medina with her husband Marcus and Ludwig 'the cat.'

Rodney Hannah, Dixieland trombone, attended the Norton City Schools and graduated from Norton High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Kent State University and a Master's degree in mathematics from The Ohio State University. He is a retired math and physics teacher at Norton High School. Married for 51 years (as of 2022) with two adult children and two grandchildren, he resides with his wife Carolyn in Medina (Ohio). Looking back, he reminisced that he has always had a love for music and was voted 'most musical' student in his high school senior class. Marches have always inspired him and he especially liked the counter-melodies in the low brass parts, which encouraged him to switch from cornet to trombone.



Marcia Nelson Kline, Dixieland trumpet. Copley resident Marcia Nelson Kline began her trumpet studies with parents Milton and Sarah Nelson, Lloyd Haines, and further advanced her studies with Harry Herforth and James Darling. She is a member of Medina Community Band (since 1984) and Brass Band of the Western Reserve (since 1997) and has performed with Marcus Neiman's Sound of Sousa Band, Mill Street Brass Quintet, and Cleveland Women's Orchestra. She is featured as a cornet soloist on Medina Community Band's CD "Sounds of Summer". Marcia has an associate degree in medical assisting from The University of Akron and is a retired ophthalmic technician from Cleveland Clinic. (as of 19 06 30)

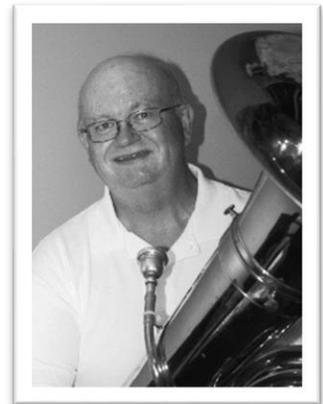
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Paul V. Rocco, trumpet soloist, originally from Brooklyn, New York, studied trumpet at SUNY at Fredonia, later completing a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Music at the University of Akron. While at The University of Akron, he studied with Tucker Jolly and 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.

Kyle Snyder, Dixieland tuba is a retired claims adjuster. He currently is a part time school bus driver for Lake Ridge Academy in North Ridgeville. He has been a member in the Tuba Section of the Medina Community Band for 32 years. The genre he enjoys playing most though, is "Dixieland" music. He currently performs with the River City Jazz Band, Honey Creek Jazz Band, and the Hymns of Dixie. He also plays tuba in the Deutscher Musikverein German Band.

When not playing his tuba, Kyle enjoys riding his Harley Davidson Triglide with other band members and friends. In his down time he enjoys sharing the couch with his wife Jan , their dog Henry, and cat Harry while watching television or listening to music.



In Remembrance

Raymond Edwin Denson

August 23, 1929 – December 13, 2019

Raymond E. Denson, age 90 of Medina, passed away December 13, 2019. He was born August 23, 1929 in Cleveland, OH to the late Clarence and Beatrice (nee Massey) Denson. Raymond retired from a career as a supervisor for Columbia Gas. Through his life he served his community in many different ways. He held the office of Montville Township Trustee for several terms, was active in Boy Scouts, teaching Woodbadge and was awarded the Silver Beaver. He was active in the Red Cross and most recently the Community Band.

Raymond is survived by his beloved wife of 12 years, Janice (nee Hantzsche) Denson; children Richard Denson, Judy (David) Beck, Carol Genther; grandchildren Sarah Genther, Racheal (Aaron) Stevens, Aaron (Emily) Genther, Jared Genther, Christopher (Leah) Beck, Brian (Margaret) Beck, Jason (Michelle) Beck; great-grandchild Starskysha Weisbarth, and 9 others.

He is preceded in death by siblings Kenneth Denson, Patricia Siegfried, and Dorothy Hall.

Don & Barbara Moore

Don Moore

May 14, 1933 – December 4, 2020



Don Moore was preceded in death by his parents, Harland and Bernice Moore; son, Matthew Moore; and his siblings, Pat, Bill, Ida, Tom and Maggie.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Moore of 62 years; children, Andrew, Peter (Tammy), Rebecca, and Adam (Amie); grandchildren, Dylan (Jessica), Blaine, Victoria, Carter, Spencer, and Meredith; and great grandchildren, Harland and Maverick.

Don was an army sergeant during the Korean War, after which he attended MSU, graduating with a master's degree in micro paleontology. Following graduation, he and his wife Barbara were married and he had a fulfilling career before retiring in 1992 from Dow Chemical.

He enjoyed many hobbies including boy scouts in his early life, wood working, reading, home improvement, geology, history, and spending time with family and friends.

Don was an active member of the Episcopal church and will be remembered most for his contagious smile and kind heart. He donated his time to support many local organizations and causes, including the Medina Community Band, the Kiwanis, and the Medina Hospital.

SCHOEDINGER NORTH, 5554 Karl Road, Columbus, Ohio is honored to serve the Moore family.

Barbara Moore

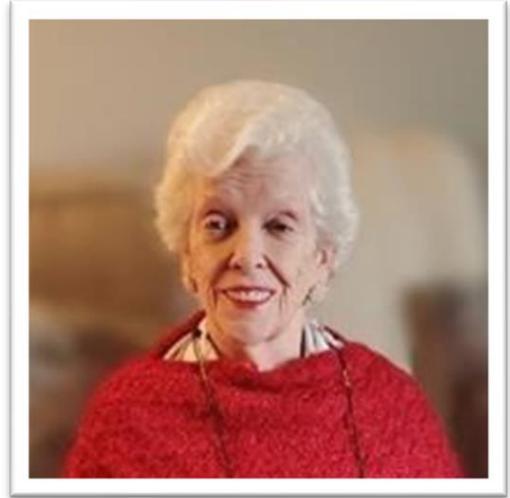
July 5, 1936 – January 12, 2022

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald; her parents, Nettie and Caryl Bowman, her son, Matthew Moore; and her brother George. She is survived by her children; Andrew, Peter (Tammy), Rebecca, and Adam (Amie); grandchildren, Dylan (Jessica), Blaine, Victoria, Carter, Spencer and Meredith; and great grandchildren, Harland and Maverick.

Barb graduated from Michigan State University with degrees in Home Economics and Teaching. She and her husband Don married in 1958 and were happily married for more than 62 years. In addition to taking care of the family, she enjoyed multiple positions over the years, with the Medina Health Department, delivering Meals on Wheels, and volunteering with Kiwanis and the PTA.

She also enjoyed many hobbies, including music, entertaining, knitting, quilting and crafts, puzzles and working in the kitchen (especially baking something sweet and making peanut brittle!). But most importantly, she enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She and Don enjoyed traveling and over the years had the opportunity to take several cruises and to visit many states across the US/Alaska as well as the Bahamas and the Panama Canal.

She was an active member of the Episcopal Church where she worked as a secretary, volunteered in the altar guild, served in the vestry, sang in the choir, and was an organist. She was a mother to us, but everyone was family.



Helen T. Rocco

January 2, 1929 – October 2, 2021



Helen T. Rocco, a resident of Oakdale for 40 years, passed away on October 2, 2021. Helen was employed as an accountant for Fairchild Hiller Aviation for many years. Helen enjoyed dining at numerous local restaurants with her companion Anthony Montemagno, always on the seeking for new places to eat, experiencing what each menu had to offer. She enjoyed the Oakdale community and never strayed far away. Most important, Helen was deeply devoted to her family and put great emphasis on a strong loving family bond.

She is survived by her son Paul, and his wife Gayle, of Medina, Ohio, her grandson Gary Cornell, her great granddaughter Juliet, her sisters Gail Bracco and Karen Hubela, her sister-in-law Shirley Bergen, and her brother-in-law Joseph Sinisgalli. She is predeceased by Anthony Montemagno, her grandson Daniel Cornell, her brother John Bergen, and her sister Eileen Sinisgalli.

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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