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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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 **second concert** the 2022 summer season, a celebration of 163 years (since 1859) of presenting community concerts in Medina, on **Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 8:30p** – celebrating **Flag Day in Medina's Uptown Park Square Gazebo**. Concerts will continue every Friday through **Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**. **A special July 4<sup>th</sup> concert is planned. All concerts will begin at 8:30p.**

Featured soloist will be **Kevin Wallick**, cornet soloist, performing Herbert L. Clarke's ***The Debutante***.

The community band will feature Clare Grundman's ***American Folk Rhapsody No 1***; Frank Tichelli's ***Simple Gifts*** (from *Four Shaker Songs*); and, Tyler Bates ***Guardians of the Galaxy*** with Matthew Hastings conducting. Marches will include Louis Panella's ***American Red Cross***; Edwin Eugene Bagley's ***National Emblem***; John Williams ***Mach of the Resistance*** (from *Star Wars the Force Awakens*); and Sousa's ***The Stars and Stripes Forever***.

Medina Community Band President **Lu Ann Gresh** will welcome the audience for the June 10<sup>th</sup> concert. The social host for the Friday concert will be **United Church of Christ Congregational**.

The concert will be dedicated to the remembrance of **Thomas Wayne George** (August 17, 1939 – March 5, 2022) and **Walter David Wallick, Jr.** (August 27, 1935 – January 20, 2020) Walter was the mother of soloist Kevin Wallick.

**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).

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 –

<https://medinacommunityband.org/>.

## The Medina Community Band

Marcus L. Neiman, conductor

John Connors, Matthew Hastings, and Amy Muhl, assistant conductors

Flag Day

June 10, 2022

In Remembrance of

**Thomas Wayne George**

August 17, 1939 – March 5, 2022

**Walter David Wallick, Jr.**

August 27, 1935 – January 20, 2020

Featuring

**Kevin Wallick, cornet soloist and  
Matthew Hastings, conductor**

Social sponsor United Church of Christ Congregational of Medina

Fanfare, *Olympic Fanfare and Theme* (1984) ..... John Williams  
Paul Lavender

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

**Matthew Hastings, conducting**

Rhapsody, *American Folk Rhapsody No. 1* (1948) ..... Clare Grundman

March, *American Red Cross* (1918) ..... Louis Panella

To Our Health Care Providers, *Simple Gifts* (from *Four Shaker Songs*) (1848/2002) ..... Frank Tichelli

Cornet solo, *The Debutante* (1917) ..... Herbert L. Clarke

**Kevin Wallick, soloist**

March, *National Emblem* (1906/1962) ..... Edwin Eugene Bagley

March, *March of the Resistance* (from *Star Wars The Force Awakens*) (2015) ..... John Williams  
Paul Lavender

Movie Music, *Guardians of the Galaxy* (2014/2015) ..... Tyler Bates  
Michael Brown

**Matthew Hastings, conducting**

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



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## 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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"** (58<sup>th</sup> 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 73<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment Band, The Camp Chase Fifes and Drums, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



## Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> , Soloist

**Kevin Wallick, trumpet 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.

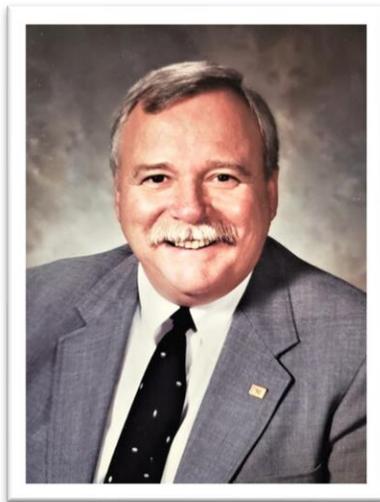
Wallick is a lifelong Ohio resident, has played trumpet for almost 50 years. As a young boy he found what he thought was a suitcase in the closet and pried open the latch to find his father's cornet which began his interest in the trumpet and cornet. He currently resides in North Canton, Ohio. Kevin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



## In Remembrance

### Thomas Wayne George

August 17, 1939 – March 5, 2022



**Thomas Wayne George**, aged 82, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on March 5, 2022 following a lengthy battle with Leukemia. He was born in Alliance, Ohio on August 17, 1939 to Harry and Josephine (nee Veazey) George. He graduated from Mount Union University in 1962 and began his coaching career at Minerva High School where he graduated high school and met his loving wife, Kaaren. In 1969 the George family moved to Medina, where Tom became the defensive coordinator of the Medina varsity football team and history teacher at Medina Senior High School. Tom ventured into coaching Track & Field, making his mark in pole vaulting, with several vaulters becoming state champions. He was voted "Pole Vault Coach of the Year" in the state of Ohio in 1994, and was inducted into the Medina County Sports Hall of Fame that same year. He officially retired from teaching in 1994, but continued to coach various sports until 2010.

Education was important to Tom. In 1972 he helped organize and was three-time president of the Medina County Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, and co-founded the Summer Reinforcement Program, a summer education program for children with disabilities. He loved all Northeastern Ohio sports, specifically the Indians and Browns; he "bled Scarlet and Gray." He loved books and movies about the World Wars. He loved planning trips to the beach and Tom's famous "Field Trips"

to local historical sites.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart, soul mate, and wife of 59 years, Kaaren; two daughters, Holly George and Becky George, both of Medina; cousins, Ron (Donna) Maley and Rick (Lori) Maley of Alliance, Ohio; and a lifetime of collected friends.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Bette Lou George. Per Tom's wishes, cremation has already taken place, and a private family service will be held. A Celebration of Coach's Life will be forthcoming. Also, per Tom's wishes, in lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Cancer Services Fund of Medina Hospital Foundation. A memorial scholarship will be established in his honor, at a later date.

## Walter David Wallick, Jr.

August 27, 1935 – January 20, 2020



**Walter David Wallick, Jr.**, 84, of North Canton, Ohio passed away peacefully Monday, January 20, 2020 following a prolonged illness. He was born in Canton, Ohio on August 27, 1935 to the late Walter and Charlotte (King) Wallick. He was a 1953 graduate of North Canton High School, attended The University of Akron and served honorably with the United States Marine Corps immediately following the Korean War.

He began his professional civilian career as a draftsman before he branched out to a 25 year sales career. He was involved with the North Canton Jaycees, youth football, band boosters and Sideliners. He was a North Canton Elk and honored as an Elk of the Year.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Patricia M. (Penny) Wallick; and brother, Gary; and survived by his children, Kevin (Kim); Craig (Patti); and Kathy Donchess (Jim); grandsons, Jeff (Tracy),

Andrew (Carly), Matt and Alex; granddaughter, Amanda; and great grandson, Baker; sister, Linda (Jim); and nieces, Kim (Bill) Simm, Carla (Bob) Malloy, and Julie Green; great nieces, Kristin and Taylor; and nephew, Justin (Amber).

He was a very patriotic man who loved his family and had a special place in his heart for ALL children.

## 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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