



River City News

Rancho Cordova River City Concert Band updates and information

APRIL 2021

EVENT CALENDAR

4/28*	'Memories of Spring Hill' VP
5/31*	World Premier VP
6/30 @7pm	Music Selection Committee Meeting
7/04*	'Chimes of Liberty' VP
10/02	"Brushes & Beats" Concert at Soil Born Farms

VP = Virtual Performance
 *Publish dates of VPs
 Note: Virtual Recording due dates will be announced via email

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We are Back!

We kicked off weekly in-person rehearsals Monday April 12th at the Mineshaft parking lot. The excitement of members seeing each other for the first time in a year was palpable (even with social distancing). Masks couldn't hide the smile in all of our eyes.

For those who were not able to make it, this is a LARGE outdoor space with plenty of room to spread out.



Air exchange rates are not a problem because there are plenty of breezes throughout the area, so bringing clothespins and a jacket are a great idea. The large structure of the Mineshaft building provides a great deal of shade in the late afternoon. The bonus? The sound bounces off the pavement and the building well so we can hear one another relatively well for being outside. Also, Tom has been set up with a microphone and sound

Above: Trumpets, Euphonium, and percussion.

Left: Clarinets, oboe, saxophones

Photos courtesy of Sue Coddington-Allen



Indoor Rehearsal Outlook...

It may not seem like it, but we have been BUSY with gearing up for indoor rehearsals too. The first step of this was finding indoor rehearsal space. With the impact of COVID-19, we are restricted from using school property for rehearsals any longer. Past president Lydia Bredin went to bat for us to start finding an alternate location for rehearsals. She teamed up with Shelly Blanchard of the Cordova Community Council and Lorraine Crozier of the Symphony d'Oro to secure rehearsal space with the Mandarins Drum and Bugle Corps at 9792 Business Park Drive. We have a signed letter of intent by all parties at this time.



(Woohoo!) This band room is designed for the internationally acclaimed Mandarins, so we have a lot to look forward to. Providing CA State regulations are amenable to indoor rehearsals, we hope to start occupying this space for weekly indoor rehearsals August 2021. If CA regulations change, Shelly Blanchard said we may be in there sooner than August. Thank you to the City of Rancho Cordova for the Measure H Grant Rehearsal Space Funds.

Above and Left: Photos of Interior of Mandarins Music Center Band Rehearsal Space
Photos courtesy of Jimmie Garcia



It takes a Village...

Virtual Recording Productions

Our own Scott Hosner has become an international video production expert! Thank you Scott for all of your time, dedication, expertise and patience to make our band shine brightly through this past year. We are incredibly grateful to you. Scott has been featured by the Association of Concert Bands for his work on virtual recordings on 'ACB Connects!' Here is the link view archived sessions of 'ACB Connects!' to see how he makes magic...
<https://www.acbands.org/acbconnects>



Website Magic

<https://www.rcconcertband.org/>

Kamran Sarreshteh has passed the proverbial 'torch' to Scott Hosner and Jimmie Garcia to handle our website needs. (Thank you Kamran for all you have done!) If you haven't been in there lately, our website is looking pretty spiffy thanks to our team. We have a Backstage area of the website now for band members only. This area is password protected. It has the band's Covid forms, rehearsal specifics and more... The password is: **downbeat**

Elections

Our volunteer organization relies on just that... Volunteers! We have had both completions of terms and some changes on our board, so we have SIX of seven board spots available. Term limits will depend on the number of votes. Three people will have 3 year terms, three people will have 2 year terms. Once elected to the Board, the board members select the executive positions amongst themselves.



Election Chair: Bianca Patterson
Email: vintagechords@yahoo.com
Process:

- * 4/30 Due date to submit a short bio & photo
- * 5/5 Ballots will be sent out
- * 5/12 Voting online closes



Do You Hear What I Hear???



It has been a long-standing issue for our back row members to not be able to hear Tom. Thank you Dave Harbert for your sound wizardry so we can all hear Tom's instructions. What a difference!

Committees Need You!

Fundraising Committee

- ◆ Do you have some great ideas to help raise funds for RCRCCB?
- ◆ Do you have a bit of time to help out with fundraising projects?

Please help out our ONE committee member. We promise it isn't hard, we just need some ideas and some people willing to jump in to help out!

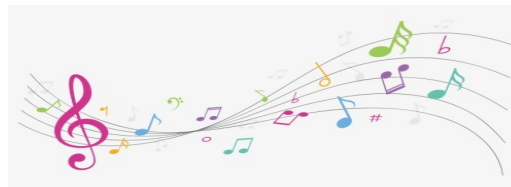
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Dennis Gray Scholarship Committee

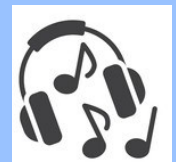
Our Dennis Gray Scholarship Fund has funds in it thanks to some amazing donations. It's time to start figuring out the details of how we are going to structure and distribute these funds.

Contact: Tom Seaton
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Music Selection Committee

Our Music Selection Committee meets several times a year to discuss ideas for music to perform in virtual and live concerts. We need your ears to help us find wonderful music to share with our audiences.



Next Meeting: June 30th at 7pm
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