

WESTSHORE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

2017-2018

Welcome to the 2017-2018 Season for the Westshore Community Concert Band.
Practices are held at The Forge Church, 2612 Sooke Rd., TUESDAYS from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The conductor and directors for the upcoming year are:

Conductor	Mike Dominy ALCM	250-474-3999	westshoreband@hotmail.com
President	Ralph Gonyea (trumpet)	250-474-6477	rlgonyea@shaw.ca
Vice President	Gail Nash (oboe)	250-474-2060	nash-hume@shaw.ca
Secretary	Marg Eagle (flute)	250-478-1579	margeagle@shaw.ca
Treasurer	Dee Freethy (alto sax)	250.882.3295	djfreethy@shaw.ca
Director	Jane Hastings (bassoon)	250-652-0452	janeogle@shaw.ca
Director	Kimberley Jurens (flute)	778-977-6128	kjurens@shaw.ca

Dues:

Yearly membership dues are \$110 for adults and \$55 for students. Cash or cheques made out to "Westshore Community Concert Band" may be given to the Treasurer along with a completed membership form. The dues are used to pay church rental, music supplies and the conductor's honorarium. If you intend to stay with the band, dues are required within 4 weeks of joining us. If you are unable to pay the dues, you may discuss with the executive your reason to be considered for exemption. The executive will try to work something out.

You must not take music home until after you've paid your dues and turned in a current membership form.

Music:

It is YOUR responsibility to keep your music folder in good order and good condition, with current repertoire. Our Librarian is Robert Hume (string bass/French horn). Robert is deaf, and with the ambient noise in the hall is sometimes unable to hear you if you request missing parts at the rehearsal. You have several options:

- look in the files in the storage room yourself;
- check the other folders in your section -- sometimes parts are traded around due to personnel absences;
- borrow from someone else in your section and make a copy, or give the borrowed part to Robert and he will copy it in time for the following rehearsal;
- email Robert at hume-vicbrassband@shaw.ca and he will do his best to accommodate you.

If you will be unable to attend a rehearsal or concert you MUST ensure that your music is available in case someone else needs it. Either leave it in the cupboard in the storage room, or give it to another member who will attend. If you are taken ill or unavoidably unable to attend, please contact other members and try to ensure that your folder will get to rehearsal even if you can't. Please don't just assume the rest of your section will have music to cover the part so it doesn't matter if you keep your folder out of reach. A new member may join while you are absent and might need that music.

Other information:

More information about the band, its history, upcoming and past performances, band constitution and bylaws and other links may be found at www.westshoreband.org. If you would like a printed copy of the Constitution and Bylaws please ask the Secretary.

Basic rules:

Rehearsals and concerts tend to be friendly and fun events, but there are some courtesies to be expected from members:

- Downbeat for rehearsals is 7:00 p.m. Please arrive in time to set up and warm up before 7:00. If you are going to be late or absent please let the conductor know: conductor@westshoreband.org.
- Please keep chatter to a minimum during actual rehearsal time. There is a 15 minute break during rehearsal to socialize with other band members. Bring along your own mug if you wish to indulge in tea/coffee. Price for tea/coffee/snack is 25¢ deposited in the coffee fund tin.

Band uniform:

- Members provide their own long sleeved white shirt, pants/skirt, socks and shoes.
- The band provides black vests for formal performances.
- Red golf shirts bearing the band logo may be purchased from the band for \$20 for use at less formal/summer outdoor performances (to be worn with the usual black pants/skirts). Purchase of the golf shirt is not mandatory; the band also has some red t-shirts that may be borrowed (although you are welcome to wear your own if you have one.)

You must return the band vest if you are unable to continue playing with band.

You are expected to keep the borrowed vest clean and in good repair. Vests may be laundered in cold water and hung to drip-dry.

Performances:

Check the Events page of our website for regular updates: www.westshoreband.org/events.shtml. The website contains quite a bit of other information aimed at members, rather than the general public, so check there if you need to know something.