

The Adelphi Community Band

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Newsletter



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Greetings!

I know what you're thinking – our performing season is over, so what's this about?

Does the phrase "*time and change*" bring anything to mind? After all, we just experienced that wonderful-yet-dreaded transition from Daylight Savings Time to Eastern (or Central) Standard Time. Does that mean more changes are on the horizon? You bet.

Allow me to introduce you to the next Director of the Adelphi Band, Kolin LoConti.

Members should recall him as the most recent addition to the euphonium section. I could type more on this, but his first newsletter (see below) explains his journey from section member to Director quite well

Enjoy!

John Mathew

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Greetings Everyone!

I wanted to take a moment to share some news. Jeff Mathew and I recently had lunch, and I wanted to let you all know that I'm stepping up to take the reins and ensure our band continues to make music, and hopefully, flourishes. Jeff has agreed in the near term to continue some behind the scenes orchestration of performances, etc., as I get my bearings and I want to thank him for all the guidance he's provided. I do want to mention that I'm not a seasoned conductor. By that I mean the only time I've ever conducted was in a course in college. So, be prepared for an interesting experience in that regard. However, to the extent that I conduct, I plan to continue Jeff's tradition of counting off and playing, so the transition should be relatively smooth.

For those of you I haven't had the chance to chat with recently, here's a bit about me: I'm 39 years old, I live on the north side of Circleville with my wife, Jesseca, and our three children, aged 3, 5, and 8. I'm a Circleville High School alum, and I have a degree in music and business from Otterbein University, where I played the euphonium primarily. During my college years, I had the privilege of performing with various ensembles, including the Otterbein Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Marching band, Jazz Band, pit orchestras, Ohio Private College Instrumental Conductors Association Honors Band and the Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble. I also played the baritone in the Central Ohio Brass Band and the Bexley Meadows band. After a 16-year hiatus to focus on my career and start a family, I've recently reignited my passion for music, with a particularly enjoyable stint with the Adelphi band. I really enjoy the music that we play and hope to continue in the same tradition.

Here are a few things I'm currently working on:

Practice Location: While I'm in the process of determining if we can continue at our current location, I'm also exploring alternatives. I've reached out to contacts I have at Roundtown Players and the Presbyterian Church in Circleville as potential practice venues. I'll keep you all updated on this front.

Directing Assistance: I've received interest from a couple of individuals with more directing experience than myself who are willing to assist as needed or if I'm unable to make a practice or performance. They are newcomers to our band, and I'll introduce them to all of you when practices resume next year, based on their availability. Anyone in the band with interest who would like to direct or act as a backup, please let me know.

Membership: Jeff had mentioned the importance of growing our membership, and I'd like to continue this conversation. If you have any leads or ideas for recruiting new players, please share them with me. I'll also reach out to my network to explore additional opportunities.

I'm eager to hear from all of you. Whether you have suggestions, feedback, or just want to say hello, please don't hesitate to reach out. I value your input, and it's great to know I'm not just sending emails into the void.

Here are our practice dates for 2024:

Feb 12
Mar 11
Apr 8
May 6
Sept 2
Nov 4

As for performances, here's a tentative 2024 schedule (these are unchanged and as always, we may add):

Sunday of Memorial Day: Adelphi

Monday of Memorial Day: Hallsville
June: Pickaway County Fair
July 4th: Ashville
July: Lancaster Festival
August: Ross County Fair
October: Fairfield County Fair
October: Pumpkin Show (Friday and Saturday)

I'll keep you all updated as performances become less tentative and more solidified, and I'll send out any updates in December. I'm genuinely looking forward to a fantastic 2024, and I can't wait to make music with all of you!

Best Regards,

Kolin LoConti

