

Adelphi Band has a great tradition. It goes back a long way. People can hear us and say "that is Adelphi Band" even before they see us. We are a brass band, a men's brass band. Woodwind players are hard to find, especially men. We have a certain distinctive sound. It's based on the kind of music we play and the full instrumentation esp. low brass. A great band is solid on the bottom, full in the middle, and distinctive on top. We have it all.

Adelphi Band dates back to 1880, just another small community band. But it has survived over the years. The nucleus never died. Of course there were reorganizations and renaming along the way. At one time it was the Hallsville - Adelphi Band. The last reorganization was 1924 when it became the Adelphi K of P Band.

The present director is Herman Hinton, a former featured trombone player. Previous directors include Fred Powell, Frank Hickman, Charlie Proxmire, Rod Shaw and Raymond Connett. Drum majors along the way include Paul Davis, Don Hinton, Wayne Luckhart, Billie Rihl and Dick Zootle.

There is no present drum major - we don't need one. We don't march - we ride the wagon.

The music we play is mostly marches such as those of Karl King, Henry Fillmore, and John Phillip Sousa. Stars and Stripes Forever closes almost every concert. We do vary the program with Among My Souwiners, Beautiful Ohio, Lassus Trombone, Let Me Call you Sweetheart, Night in June, and When you Wore a Tulip.

Marches used this past year on parades were Invercargill, Men of Ohio, Path of Honor and National Emblem.

Bi-centennial concerts or Celebrations this past year were held at Kingston, So. Salem, Chillicothe, Bainbridge, Frankfort, Adelphi and Yellowbud.

Adelphi Band has members who come out at almost every performance. These are the ones who keep this band and the tradition going. Citing this past year 1998 the top ten to turn out were Gilbert Wamsley, Herman Hinton, Glenn Hinton, Clifford Kerns, Bill Miller, Ed Bennett, Jim Zootle, Tom Cline, Merrill Junk and John Brown. There were 28 names on the band roster.

Let's keep turning out and keep the tradition going with lots of great music.

G Wamsley