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Statehood Award

Adelphi band leader to be honored

The dean of Southern Ohio musicians, Raymond Connett, will be the recipient of this year's Statehood Achievement Award. The award will be presented during the Sunday afternoon Religious Heritage Concert at the Chillicothe High School at 2 p.m.

Connett, who is approaching his 91st birthday, has been associated with the Adelphi Band for over fifteen years and is being honored for his musical achievements in the community. He received extensive band training during WWI as the member of the U.S. Army Band which was attached to an artillery unit.

In early November 1918, Connett was among a group of musicians headed to Europe when they learned the armistice had been declared.

Following his army experiences, bandsman Connett continued to study music and was instrumental in starting the marching band at Ohio University in 1923.

An Ohio University alumnus, he has been a school band director in Topeka, Kan., and continued his Ohio instrumental teaching in the Athens and Madison County Schools; the former Buckland High School of Anglaize County; and in the Scioto Valley, Pikeston, and Eastern Local School Districts of Pike County.

Having played in circus bands that once visited towns where he resided, the conductor continues to participate in the activities and band concerts of the Windjammers Association, a special fraternity of circus band musicians.

This group holds its week-long convention in a prominent city each year, and Connett is among the most experienced and valuable contributors, according to the statement released by the local Chamber of Commerce.

After retiring from public school music in 1970, the bandmaster opened a piano shop in Pikeston, where he continues to repair and rebuild pianos of all types including the player piano.

He has been associated with the Adelphi Band for over fifteen years, having been a regular player and later being appointed as conductor.

Connett conducted the special Statehood Day Concert last year and he conducted the Adelphi Band on the steps of the Capitol in Washington, D.C. last year as the organization celebrated its 100th year in music.



Raymond Connett

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