

The Adelphi Community Band

Adelphi, Ohio
Established 1880



Newsletter



July 26, 2023

Greetings!

You probably anticipated that after playing at Lancaster we would be sending out another newsletter. Correct! It is below. As promised Saturday, below is our most current newsletter. Among other things it contains two (2) practice lists, four (4) performance play lists, and a plethora of information.

For those newer members, and those of us who have trouble remembering where we parked the car, pay special attention to the parking suggestions for the Ross County Fair and the Fairfield County Fair. And allowing for extra time to traverse the wilderness between the parking and performance area for each is highly recommended.

At the end is our now-traditional “**bonus content**”! That translates into “[other stuff you might like to know](#)”.

Enjoy!

John Mathew

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UPDATES:

Lancaster Festival

As always, thanks to the musicians who were able to participate in the Lancaster Festival concert on the 22nd.

It was a great summer day, and we all could have been doing other things, but this is the stuff I like to do. Special thanks to Dr. Fred for his stunning vocal on “*Let Me Call You Sweetheart*”, and to Kolin for his impressive job filling in for the entire Piccolo section on “*Stars and Stripes Forever*”.

Thanks to the success of their efforts, I now have a couple of surprises I want to program in for our next concerts this year. You will just have to be there to see what they are.

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Sadly, Summer is Almost Over

If I have the count right, 6 of our scheduled 10 performances for 2023 are now over, and only 2 of the 6 practices scheduled for 2023 are still left. That means that we now only have 6 more times to be together as a band for the rest of this year. The local Chinese buffets are going to really miss us when our performance season is over.

2024 Ashville July 4th Festival: Possible additional performance for 2024:

We have already been asked to perform for the Ashville Grand Parade on July 4th in 2024.

However, we have also been asked to play for the Contestants Parade, which should be held on the first day of the festival next year. In 2023 it was held at 7:00 PM.

My contact has shared with me that for years they have had a hard time getting any bands for any of the parades, so the festival is looking for ways to increase band attendance. During our initial discussion, I recommended the Pumpkin Show Band and another local band.

Following this year's format, the parades for Ashville in 2024 (*a Leap Year*) should be:

Day 1: Sunday June 30

Contestants Parade, 7:00 PM

Day 5: Thursday

Grand Parade, 11:00 AM

One benefit of doing this additional parade would be that the first parade would be in the evening.

I am not asking for a figurative show of hands right now, but I just wanted to let you think about it for now and I will ask for your thoughts at a later date to see if we can get enough musicians willing to commit to do this additional parade at Ashville.

We will cover this more later this year. Probably at the November practice.

2023 SCHEDULE:

NOTE:

ALL performances and practices listed below are now **CONFIRMED**.

AUGUST 2023:

PERFORMANCE:

Sunday August 6, Time: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM

Ross County Fair Harness Races

a. As in other years, we have been approved to park in the "Handicapped" section, *if there are spaces*. Just tell them you are in the band and we have been given approval by Andy Hill (*our contact person*) to park there. That is all that has been needed in recent years.

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The Ross County Fair Map does not show where the Handicapped parking is for this year, so just follow the signs as you come off 104.

b. Parking anywhere other than in an approved parking area, while tempting, is at your own peril.

c. Individual gate passes WILL be needed for admission.

IMPORTANT:

My Ross County Fair contact also handles all the contracts for the band concerts at the bandstand. As of 7-22-2023, he has NOT yet received his Fair passes to distribute. As soon as he does, he will contact me and I will go and pick them up in person in order to save the Post Office the trouble and effort of losing them for me in the mail.

(We constantly get mail, and even packages, delivered to my house intended for other addresses!)

As soon as I know that I can get them, I will let you know and we will figure the best way to get them to you.

I will probably only get enough passes for the musicians.

Continue to check your e-mail for more info.

d. We will sit in the far RIGHT of the Grandstand as you face the track. Think about bringing a seat cushion.

e. General Map of the Ross County Fairgrounds:

https://adelphiband.weebly.com/uploads/4/6/0/1/46013629/map_of_ross_county_fair.pdf

f. For those who haven't been there, or just haven't been there for a while, the Ross County Fair is physically set up totally differently than the Pickaway County Fair. At Ross County, there are an abundance of food trailers just steps outside the Grandstand, and within steps to where we will be playing. Bring money and pace yourselves.

Ross County Fair Play List:

- 1). Star Spangled Banner *(as needed...always keep out until we play it)*
- 2). True Blue
- 3). Huntress
- 4). New Friendship
- 5). Evening Shadows
- 6). Cincinnatus
- 7). Trombone King
- 8). Hoop Dee Doo
- 9). Bravura
- 10). Brass Buttons

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- 11). Paddlin Madelin Home
- 12). Washington Post
- 13). Camp Sheridan
- 14). Hail to America
- 15). Tennessee Waltz
- 16). Huntress
- 17). Lassus Trombone
- 18). Beer Barrel Polka

SEPTEMBER 2023:

PRACTICE:

Monday September 18, 7:30

September Practice List:

This will target primarily the music we will be doing at the Fairfield County Fair.

- 1). Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse (*French National Defile March*)
- 2). Camp Sheridan
- 3). Thunderer
- 4). Carrollton
- 5). At Evening Time
- 6). Brass Buttons
- 7). Evening Shadows
- 8). Huntress
- 9). Paddelin Maddelin Home
- 10). Stars and Stripes Forever
- 11). Blackjack
- 12). Kiefer's Special

OCTOBER 2023:

PERFORMANCE:

Thursday October 12, 2023, Time 1:00 PM (*Races are at 1:30*)

Fairfield County Fair harness races

a. We will be given “Infield Stickers” to place on your vehicle windshield for your car for the Fair. This sticker will let you park in the Infield of the race track. This sticker has in the past also let everyone in your car to get into the grounds FREE. As soon as I get them, I will contact you to see how to best get them to you.

b. To get to the Infield of the racetrack, you obviously have to cross the racetrack.

c. In previous years, once the races actually started for the day, they wouldn't let anyone one else cross the track to get to the Infield.

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d. If you are late getting to the Fairgrounds, then they will likely send you out to General Parking, which can mean quite a walk back to the Grandstand.

e. However, once you are parked in the Infield, and even once the races have started for the day, they routinely let people walk back and forth across the track from the Infield to the Grandstand area between the races. That means that you can get there early, leave your instrument and gear in the car so that you can walk around for a while, grab your first course of something to eat for the day, and then go back to your car to get your gear when it is time to get together with the band.

f. For those of you NOT familiar with the Fairfield County Fair Grandstand, it is built totally differently than the Ross or Pickaway County Grandstands. There is a large cement pad at ground level used as a walkway, and we will be sitting on that pad in REAL chairs, on the LEFT side of the Grandstand as you face the track. Also, the chairs are older, and some might be rusty, so you may want to plan for that. If the track is dry, you and your instrument WILL get dusty.

g. The walkway in front of the Grandstand also has a tendency to be a wind tunnel, so you will want to account for that when planning your outdoor gear for the day.

h. The band has been playing at the Fairfield County Fair since at least 1950.

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i. Map of the Fairfield County Fairgrounds, and Infield Parking:

https://adelphiband.weebly.com/uploads/4/6/0/1/46013629/map_of_fairfield_county_fair.pdf

Play list for the Fairfield County Fair:

- 1). Star Spangled Banner (*as needed...always keep out until we play it*)
- 2). Billboard
- 3). Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse (*French National Defile March*)
- 4). Tennessee Waltz
- 5). Camp Sheridan
- 6). Thunderer
- 7). Beautiful Ohio
- 8). Brass Buttons
- 9). Carrollton
- 10). Colonel Bogey
- 11). Armed Forces Salute
- 12). At Evening Time
- 13). Blackjack
- 14). Brass Buttons
- 15). Evening Shadows
- 16). Huntress
- 17). Kiefer's Special
- 18). Stars and Stripes Forever (*last song*)

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Part of the reason for my scheduling Le Regiment de Sambre et Meuse (French National Defile March) for the fair is that, in past years when we played on Saturday, if there was an Ohio State football game being played while we were playing at the races, the announcers would constantly update the audience on the score throughout the afternoon!

EXTRA: The Circleville Pumpkin Show and OSU Football Trivia:

For several years, the Circleville Pumpkin Show would even advertise that they would broadcast the OSU football game at Court and Main Street. Below is a link to the 1958 Pumpkin Show advertising placed in the Circleville Herald stating that they were going to broadcast the OSU Football game from that location.

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PERFORMANCE:

Friday October 20, 2023
Circleville Pumpkin Show
8:00 parade

Friday Night Parade:

- 1). Matinee (*Will Huff*)
- 2). Officer of the Guard (*Fred Jewell*)

PERFORMANCE:

Saturday October 21, 2023
Circleville Pumpkin Show
Concert: 6:00 to 6:30...and maybe a little longer
Parade: 8:00

Saturday Night Parade:

1. Bravura
2. Ironclad

HINT:

We are the show for the Saturday night concert, and we have a narrow window to perform in. You will definitely want to pull your music ahead of time to make sure you have it all in order. Contact me ASAP if you are missing anything.

Saturday Night Concert:

1. Billboard March
2. Buffalo Bill's Farewell
3. Beer Barrel Polka
4. Rifle Rangers
5. At Evening Time
6. Black Jack
7. Bravura
8. Paddelin Madelin Home
9. Evening Shadows
10. Imperial

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11. Brass Buttons
12. Matinee (last song)

a. Thanks to the generosity of David Winner, the 6:00 PM Saturday night concert will be held **INDOORS** at the rear of 121 East Franklin Street. Go down the alley next to the Auto Parts store and the entrance is in the back.

b. With both Pumpkin Show parades, we will play one song until about halfway through the parade route, until I tell you to switch.

c. The band has been playing at the Circleville Pumpkin Show since at least 1925.

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d. REMINDER-Music Lights!:

Especially for the newer musicians, you will definitely want some kind of music light for both of our night parades at the Pumpkin Show. And of course you will need it if you are also playing in the parades with the Pumpkin Show Band.

Plus, the lighting is very uneven in the building where we are fortunate enough to be able to play our concert on Saturday, and so you may want to consider having your music light at least available for that concert as well.

e. As soon as I get any info on where the band wagon is to be staged either night, I will share it with you. Definitely check your e-mails often that week.

PRACTICE:

Monday November 13, 2023

7:30 PM at Circleville Calvary UM Church

November Practice List:

This is all the NEW music that has been passed out starting in June 2023, in planning for 2024. If, for some reason you do not get these songs in the next month or so, and you want them, please contact me.

- 1). Voice of the Guns
- 2). Triumph March
- 3). Tender Thoughts
- 4). Symphonia March
- 5). On the Quarterdeck
- 6). Mazzini
- 7). The Masquerader
- 8). The Band Played On
- 9). The Booster Boys
- 10). Cruising Down the River

NOTE: There will be a significant announcement at the November practice regarding the 2024 band season.

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BITS AND PIECES:

Band Newsletters on the Band Web Page:

As always, copies of the latest newsletter, as well as play lists for upcoming performances and practices, as well as other related info, will be posted on the band's SCHEDULE page: <https://adelphiband.weebly.com/schedule.html>

I Don't Know How This Song Sounds!:

I do not plan to ever give you a song to either perform or practice that I haven't already either prepared a computer generated sound file for, or found a YouTube video of at least some version of the song, so that you can hear how your specific instrumental part fits into the whole.

All of these files can be found at:

<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/manila-folder--1.html>

Something to Occupy You Over the Winter:

I just recently came across this 580 page book from 2021 titled, "Brass Bands and Cornet Bands of the USA..A historical directory"

The names of the bands are organized alphabetically by state and then band name. The Introduction is interesting in that it details the very problems anyone would have trying to research bands from decades to centuries ago. Definitely paralleling my experiences in researching both Will Huff and the band.

However, it doesn't really go into detail as to how these hundreds of band names were discovered to then become notations in this book. And it doesn't only list bands that are supposedly still active at the time the book was compiled, but also lists bands that apparently long ago dissolved.

Regardless, it is at least interesting to read about bands from at least our area that maybe none of us had ever heard about before.

<https://hcommons.org/deposits/objects/hc:33802/datastreams/CONTENT/content>

Band Practice Location and Time:

At this point, ALL band practices will be at the:

Calvary Global Methodist Church

(This is the same church we have been practicing at...just with a recent name change)

427 South Washington Street

Circleville, Ohio

Start at 7:30 PM

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Use the door with the ramp off the alley in the back
Although the door is unlocked, use the secret knock and wait 5 seconds.

Music Trivia:

Henry Fillmore (1881-1956, *Composer of "Lassus Trombone"*) was one of the many musicians and composers of his era who actually ran off and joined a circus.

Although his family, and especially his father, was extremely religious, Henry finally broke the news to his family that his new girlfriend was a "hoochie-coochie" dancer in a vaudeville show. His new girlfriend's name was Mabel, who went on to become Henry's wife. The term "hoochie-coochie dancer" was the actual term used in Bierley's book on Fillmore, "Hallelujah Trombone". Naturally, this situation did not go well with the family and led to a period of estrangement between his parents and Henry.

Henry and Mabel subsequently joined the Lemon Brothers Circus. Henry's jobs with the circus included playing Trombone in the band, sometimes directing the band, learning to play the calliope, and he subbed for one of the injured acts and would ride a bicycle down a ramp and jump over 5 elephants and land in a haystack.

When the circus would do their usual parade through town in order to advertise that the circus had arrived, Henry would go through early in the parade with the circus band, and then ride a horse all the way back to the beginning of the parade and go back through the parade playing the calliope.

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