

# The Adelphi Community Band

Adelphi, Ohio  
Established 1880



## Newsletter

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May 1, 2023

Greetings!

It's that time again – already! This is a reminder of the practice on Monday, May 8th. Included, you should find the list and order of the songs. As with any practice, we might not get to all of them, but we might.

Below that is “**bonus content**”! That translates into “[other stuff you might like to know](#)”. This covers future practice dates, performance dates (both known and anticipated), and stories involving a famous composer. I have been sworn to secrecy about whether there will be a test on this later.

Enjoy!

John Mathew

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### INTRO:

We welcome back everyone who is returning to Ohio after wintering in someplace where “snow” and “ice” are words they generally only hear on the news from Scandinavian Countries. Interestingly, one of our imaginative musicians did not take an instrument to the warmer climate (*insert “sad” emoji here*), but actually rented one on-site in order to participate in a local TUBACHRISTMAS. Good thinking!

There are some changes to our schedule since the last newsletter:

### NEWLY CONFIRMED PERFORMANCES:

**CONFIRMED:** Sunday May 28, 1:30 PM, Adelphi Green Summit Cemetery  
Memorial Day Observance  
Details are provided below

**CONFIRMED:** Saturday June 10, Laurelville Fireman's Old Time Festival  
Concert 5:00-5:30, Parade at 6:00

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**CONFIRMED:** Sunday, August 6, 11:30 AM  
Ross County Fair Harness Races  
Details are provided below

**CONFIRMED:** Saturday, June 17, 12:30 PM  
Pickaway County Fair Harness Races  
Details are provided below

### 2023 SCHEDULE:

#### MAY 2023:

##### CONFIRMED PRACTICE:

Monday May 8, 7:30

*Note: Like last year, the May practice will be almost exclusively the music we will play for the 2 Memorial Day week-end observances.*

#### NEW PLAN FOR THE MAY PRACTICE

We are going to have some social time.

**6:30 PM:** The practice room will be open by 6:30 for anyone who wants to come early and socialize/snack

**7:30 PM:** We will practice at 7:30,

**8:30 (ish) PM:** we can then eat anything that's left over for anyone who wants to stay.

The band will provide:

##### Drinks:

Chilled water  
Iced Tea

##### Snack Board:

Crackers (2 types)  
Veggies (baby carrots, celery sticks, Cauliflower)  
Fruit (grapes, apple slices, fresh pineapple chunks)  
Cheeses (cheddar, Provolone, Colby Jack)  
Vegetable dip  
White chocolate covered pretzels  
Bar-B-Que meatballs in a crock pot  
One musician is planning on bringing a "snack mix"

##### Extra:

Paper plates

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Silverware  
Napkins (see "paper towels")  
Cups  
Trash bags

If you are interested in bringing stuff too, no problem, and if not, no problem. Just let Sherry know if you are interested in bringing anything:

[mathew242555@gmail.com](mailto:mathew242555@gmail.com)

Text/Phone: 614-519-4353

To her credit, Sherry does a great job planning this stuff.

There is a refrigerator just outside our practice room for anything that would need refrigerated during practice.

Just sitting around and socializing is fun...for a change. We need to have more fun.

### **Monday, May 8 Practice List:**

- a). America Exultant
- b). Armed Forces Salute
- c). Anchors Aweigh
- d). God Bless America

From the Americana Book:

1. Star Spangled Banner (*This is the only version of SSB we will ever use*)
3. America the Beautiful
4. Hail Columbia
5. Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean
6. America (*My Country Tis of Thee*)
8. Battle Hymn of the Republic
9. God of Our Fathers
10. Finlandia
11. Marine's Hymn
52. Crusader's Hymn (*Fairest Lord Jesus*)
53. Abide with Me
54. Now the Day is Over
55. Onward Christian Soldiers
56. Nearer My God to Thee
57. Lead Kindly Light
58. Rock of Ages
60. My Faith Looks Up to Thee

### **NOTE:**

For each of these songs in the Americana Book:

- a). Go ahead and put a fermata at the end of each song on this practice list.
- b). Also, for the Memorial Day observances, plan on doing each song twice, EXCEPT for "Star Spangled Banner".

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### CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:

Sunday May 28, Band plays at 1:30 PM  
Adelphi, Ohio Green Summit Cemetery on Rt 180

First of all, we will be under some mature SHADE trees. So, that's good. I will provide chairs, so if you could help by bringing them back to my truck/trailer afterwards, that would be great.

Especially for the newer musicians, I have made a map of the Adelphi Green Summit Cemetery, with text descriptions and markings where the band will perform at and where are good parking spots.

[https://adelphiband.weebly.com/uploads/4/6/0/1/46013629/map\\_to\\_adelphi\\_green\\_summit\\_cemetery.pdf](https://adelphiband.weebly.com/uploads/4/6/0/1/46013629/map_to_adelphi_green_summit_cemetery.pdf)

### Concert List for BOTH Sunday May 28 at Adelphi AND Monday May 29 at Hallsville:

- a). America Exultant
- b). Armed Forces Salute
- c). Anchors Aweigh
- d). God Bless America

From the Americana Book:

1. Star Spangled Banner (*If needed, and when needed*)
3. America the Beautiful
4. Hail Columbia
5. Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean
6. America (*My Country Tis of Thee*)
8. Battle Hymn of the Republic
9. God of Our Fathers
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### EXTRA INFO for BOTH Adelphi and Hallsville:

- a). We will hold the last measure on each song, including the *Star Spangled Banner*.
- b). I will start the song for the second time.....don't anticipate.
- c). We will play each song twice, except for "Star Spangled Banner".
- d). We will go straight through the Americana Book from the front. ..except for "SSB".

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- e). This should be more than enough songs, so we will probably SKIP a few.  
f). For the musicians who were at Hallsville, in 2022, YES, we will all sit back from the monument at Hallsville in the shade this year. (Valerie..remind me).  
g). I will provide chairs, so I could use some help carrying them back over to my truck afterwards. Thanks!

*However, for the newer musicians who were not with us in 2022 in Hallsville, last year the Main Speaker never showed because he overslept, and the gun squad was late, so we filled in with a lot more music than we were originally supposed to do. So I have programmed "heavy" so that we can skip songs rather than doubling back and playing them twice.*

### CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:

Monday May 29, Memorial Day, We play at 10:30 AM  
Hallsville Cemetery, Rt 180

General framework for the Hallsville ceremony at this time:

10:30-11:00 AM: Band plays

11:00-@11:45 AM: Ceremony (*in 2022 the band did a couple songs in the ceremony itself, and included "Taps".*)

@ 11:45 AM: Ceremony concludes, and we will play 1-2 short numbers as the audience is dismissed.

Especially for the newer musicians, I have made a map of the Hallsville cemetery with text descriptions and markings where the band will perform at and where are good parking spots.

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### JUNE 2023:

#### CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:

Saturday June 10, Laurelville Fireman's Old Time Festival  
Concert 5:00-5:30, Parade at 6:00

#### CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:

Pickaway County Fair Harness Races  
Saturday June 17, Time: 12:30 PM - 2:30 at latest

*My Contact Person said that he has heard that races will be down this year, so he doesn't know the exact number of races, yet. As we have done with other fairs, the contract is for 3 hours max, but he isn't sure if there will even be enough races to fill up that amount of time.*

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### **JULY 2023:**

TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE:  
TUESDAY July 4, Ashville,  
Parade at 11:00

### **CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:**

Saturday, July 22, Time: 11:00 to 11:45 AM  
Lancaster Festival at Fairfield County Fairgrounds.  
Details will be out later.

### **AUGUST 2023:**

### **CONFIRMED PERFORMANCE:**

Sunday August 6, Time: 11:30 AM-2:30 PM  
Ross County Fair Harness Races  
details will be out later

A play list will be posted no later than a couple months out. Per last year, our contract for 2023 reads 11:30 to 2:30, or when the races are over, whichever comes first. After the misunderstanding in 2021, this was discussed with the band and general agreement reached for these parameters. If your schedule doesn't allow you to participate the entire time, then we would be happy to have you for whatever time you can play with us.

There will be more information later.

**BTW:** The Bennett Fish Stand (*hopefully*) should still be right outside the Grandstand....Mmmm...fish

### **SEPTEMBER 2023:**

### **CONFIRMED PRACTICE:**

Monday September 18, 7:30

This is NOT the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, but by moving band practice to a week later, this stays away from trying to schedule something o/a 9-11

### **OCTOBER 2023:**

### **TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE:**

Possibly Thursday October 12, 2023, Time? (*In 2022, it was 1:30*)  
Fairfield County Fair harness races

### **TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE:**

Friday October 20, 2023

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Circleville Pumpkin Show  
Possibly 8:00 parade

**TENTATIVE PERFORMANCE:**  
Saturday October 21, 2023  
Circleville Pumpkin Show  
Possibly a 6:30 concert and 8:00 parade

**CONFIRMED PRACTICE:**  
Monday November 13, 2023  
7:30 PM at Circleville Calvary UM Church

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**BITS AND PIECES:**

As always, copies of the latest info on the band's schedule as well as any separate play lists or other related documents, will also be posted on the band's SCHEDULE page:  
<https://adelphiband.weebly.com/schedule.html>

Sound files (*either computer generated or links to YouTube videos*) of our songs from the concert folder can be found on the band web page:

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

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**Band Practice Location and Time:**

At this point, ALL band practices will be at the:  
Calvary UM Church  
427 South Washington Street  
Circleville, Ohio  
Start at 7:30 PM  
Use the door with the ramp off the alley in the back

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**Things to Bring to EVERY practice or performance, to infinity and beyond:**

- a). Your own instrument
  - b). Your own music
  - c). Your own clothes pins  
(*Yes, practice is inside, but the wind can still blow the music when the door is opened*).
  - d). Your own music stand.....any style you have is fine
  - e). a pencil...yes...always bring that pesky pencil....and don't be afraid to use it.
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### Music Trivia:

John Phillip Sousa wrote an autobiography titled, "Marching Along". It is a good read for anyone so interested.

#### Story # 1:

In the book, he admits to not understanding money and his monetary value as a composer. Accordingly, he sold many of his best marches for almost no money at all.

- a). Many were sold for \$5.00
- b). "High School Cadets": \$25 dollars
- c). "Semper Fidelis", "Washington Post", and several others were sold for 35 dollars a piece

#### Story # 2:

Before Sousa joined the Marine Band, he was a touring musician in a band. They were playing in a city in Kansas, and they arranged with the local band that if the local band would play a concert outside the theater before Sousa's concert started, they could get into the show for free. All they had to do was come in with their instrument and that would be their 'ticket'.

So the local band played, and Sousa was in the back of the theater getting ready when a messenger approached and asked how many people were in the local band. Sousa replied about 20. Sousa was told that almost 100 people with instruments had gotten in free for the show thus far.

Sousa went out to the front of the theater and found that as soon as a musician got in free, he/she would find an open window, and pass the instrument out to anyone else standing outside so that they could get in free as well.

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