Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band New Member Information Sheet

The Honeoye Falls Community Concert Band is a volunteer organization formed in 1988 under the direction of Lindsey J. Borden. Our purpose is both to provide musical entertainment for our audience and to provide an adult opportunity to make music. A volunteer board elected annually from the band membership manages the band.

Membership

Membership is open to adults/college students. High School students are welcome with approval of the director. While HFCCB does not require an audition, because of the level of music we play, it is best if you have had experience at the high school level. We maintain a strong lead player (section leader) in each section. Section leaders will provide appropriate seating for musical balance within each section.

Sponsorship/Funding

HFCCB is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. The band is sponsored by the Village of Honeoye Falls, the Town of Mendon, and the generous donations of our audience. Additionally, we ask for a \$10 donation (\$5 for students) from our members for each of our four sessions: fall, winter, spring, and summer. Contributions can be made directly to the treasurer or via Pay-Pal on our website. Monies we receive are used to pay for music, insurance, auditorium rental and modest compensation for professional direction.

Website/Social Media

The band maintains a website (www.hfccb.org) where band information is published, including rehearsal and concert info. The band also maintains a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/hfccb) and Twitter account (www.twitter.com/hfccb). We encourage band members to share events and announcements with their friends and family. The band also maintains a YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/hfccb) where videos from our concerts are shared.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals begin the Thursday after Labor Day in September. We rehearse in the HF-L High School Band Room on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00, including a short break in the middle. We rotate among the sections on a monthly basis to provide snacks for break. In the event of a conflict with school vacations or functions, makeup rehearsals may be scheduled by the director as needed. If school is canceled on the day of rehearsal due to inclement weather, there will be no rehearsal. The band is typically off for the full month of August.

Concerts

We generally play 7-8 concerts a year. Four indoor concerts are held: one in October, two in December and one in April. Indoor concerts are generally held in the HF-L District Auditorium. (The second December concert is held at St Catherine's Church in Mendon.) Outdoor concerts are performed in Harry Allen Park in the village of Honeoye Falls. The band also participates in the Lake George Community Band Festival, which typically occurs the third Saturday in July.

Concert Dress

Concert attire for indoor concerts: Men – black, button down, long sleeve shirt with tie, black pants, black shoes, and black socks. Women – black shirt, blouse, sweater, or dress, (three-quarter to full-length sleeves), black pants or skirt, black shoes, and black socks. For outdoor concerts, the attire for everyone is: white pants, shorts or skirts, white shoes, white socks, and the plum colored shirt with the HFCCB logo, which must be purchased from the band.

Attendance

Our official attendance policy requires that members attend at least 75% of the rehearsals for a concert plus the dress rehearsal in order to be able to perform in a concert. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the director. Band members are required to notify their section leader when they will be absent from a rehearsal and must arrange to provide the section with any shared music in their possession. The director must be notified well in advance of an absence from a concert.