



Music Boosters of Austin

Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Upcoming School Concerts

Austin High School

November:

- Fall Concert: October 30, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
Includes Concert and Treble choirs, Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble
- Fall Prep Concert: November 2, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
Includes Mixed Choir, Prep Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Concert Band, Symphonic Band

December:

- Holiday Concert featuring ALL high school music ensembles: December 18, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium

February:

- Paramount Jazz Performance: March 11 at the Paramount Theatre. Times to be announced. This event will feature the Austin High School jazz bands and the Ellis jazz band.

Holton Intermediate School and Ellis Middle School

December:

- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Band concert: December 11, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Orchestra concert: December 4, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium
- 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade Winter Choir concert: December 7, 7 PM, Knowlton Auditorium. This concert will feature a Pearl Harbor Remembrance

Ellis Middle School

October:

- 8th grade orchestra and choir concert: October 26, 7 pm, Ellis Auditorium

Elementary Schools

- **Banfield**

Winter music concert: December 8. Times are 9:30-10:00 1st grade, 10:30-11:00 4th grade, 12:30-1:00 2nd grade, 1:30-2:00 3rd grade at Banfield School.

- **Neveln**

Holiday concert: December 6 at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM in the Ellis Auditorium

- **Southgate**

Holiday program: December 14 at 8:30, 10:15 AM and 1 PM in the Southgate gym

- **Sumner**

Holiday concert: December 15 at 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM in the Sumner gymnasium

- **Woodson Holiday sing**: December 1



Making Music In Our Community

Veterans Day Celebration:

The 8th grade Chamber Orchestra, 8th grade Band and 8th grade Choir will be performing at the Veterans Day breakfast and program at 7:45 am on November 10th.

Austin Symphony Orchestra:

Our community's symphony orchestra is in its 61st season and is celebrating with the theme of "With Strings Attached". This talented group of musicians, whose age and expertise spans 7 decades, will be providing entertainment in 4 concerts:

- Swinging at the Symphony featuring Austin Big Band and Brian Koser on alto saxophone. The main performance will be on October 29 and again on October 30 for many area school children.
- A Trans-Siberian Christmas is the theme on December 10 and will feature the Austin Symphony Chorus and the Galactic Cowboy Orchestra.
- Beethoven and Bruch featuring Emma Andersen on violin, will be February 25 at the Paramount Theater.
- Sarah Chang!!, featuring Sarah Chang on violin, will be performing the Bernstein Suite for Violin and Orchestra on May 6th. A fundraiser at the Austin Country Club will follow.

All concerts start at 2 pm and with the exception of Beethoven and Bruch, the location of the performances are in Knowlton Auditorium at Austin High School.

The Northwestern Singers:

The Northwestern Singers will present their annual benefit concert, "Why We Sing" on Saturday, November 4th, 7:00 pm at St Olaf Church. Guest choirs will include the Austinaires, 8th grade choir, IJ Holton 5th grade choir and choirs from Pacelli.

Austin Big Band:

On Sunday, October 29 at 2 pm and Monday, October 30, Austin Big Band will be performing with the Austin Symphony Orchestra. The Monday concert is at AHS and is a special performance for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students.

On Friday, November 3, Austin Big Band will be performing for the HVet fundraiser at the Hormel Historic Home.

On Saturday, November 11, there will be a Veteran's Day performance at the VFW from 7 to 9 PM.

On Wednesday, November 22nd, from 8-10:30 PM, Austin Big Band will present its annual Thanksgiving Eve dance at the American Legion in Austin. The event is free and open to the public!



Tuba Christmas

This annual event is December 2 at the Paramount Theatre. Registration is \$10. Breakfast is at 8:30 for participants, with rehearsal following. The concert is at 11:00 AM. The event features euphoniums, baritones and tuba players from the area.

Christmas at Home

The 3rd annual concert will be December 15 at 7:00 pm and December 16 at 2 PM. This is a community event that will feature soloists and music ensembles from the Austin Public Schools and the community. It will be a holiday treat for all!!



New Music Teacher!!

Welcome to Ethan Wightkin, band/orchestra/choir teacher at IJ Holton!

Fall Musicals

AHS will present "My Fair Lady", on November 16, 17, and 18 at 7:00 pm in Christgau Hall.

Ellis Middle School presents "The Little Mermaid" on November 9 and 10 at 7 PM and November 11 at 2 pm in the auditorium at Ellis.

AHS Musicians Attending Special Events

The Austin High School Concert Choir will be attending a choral festival at Minnesota State Mankato on November 9. This is an all-day event with an evening concert scheduled at 7:00 pm.

The Austin High School Symphony Orchestra has been invited to perform at the MMEA mid-winter clinic February 22-24. The performance time is at 3:30 PM in the Large Hall at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The event is FREE and all are welcome to attend this special performance!

Ellis Musicians Attend Special Events

Saturday November 4, Ellis Middle School 7th and 8th grade select musicians will attend Master classes in Owatonna from 8:30-noon.

Friday, November 17, the Ellis 8th grade choir has been invited to perform at the MN ACDA state conference. Congratulations!

Saturday November 18, the ACDA State 7/8 Boys and Girls Honor Choir will perform at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. The following students were selected to participate: Chase Collins, Michael Ladd, Samuel Oelfke, and Mason Pacholl. Congratulations!

AHS Band Upcoming Trip

Band students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia on March 25-29, 2018.



Congratulations go to our Austin High School **All-State Musicians** who spent a week over the summer rehearsing with other high school musicians for their upcoming All State Concerts on February 24, 2018. The students were:

- Choir: Owen Culbert
- Orchestra: Emma Andersen-violin, Brock Lawhead-violin, Charles Kanne-viola, Eleanor Hinchcliffe-viola, Thomas Walker-cello
- Band: Wayde Hall-tuba



2017 Xtraman Discount Cards: WE ARE SOLD OUT!



Music Boosters and Austin Public School music students have recently completed the sale of our annual discount card that features discounts to local businesses. Watch for the new card that will be available August 2018!

Instruments and Lesson Books Needed!!



Austin Public Schools music programs are accepting donations of instruments and/or gently used "Essential Elements 2000" music books for band and orchestra. Donated item(s) can be dropped off at any Austin Public School. If donating an instrument, please include your name and contact information. The band and orchestra programs have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students so instruments are in demand!!

An Important Announcement from the President of Music Boosters of Austin:

Greetings from the Board of Directors of the Music Boosters of Austin (MBA). I am proud to have been elected as President of the MBA in May of 2016. It is an honor and a privilege to serve the music programs of the Austin Public Schools in this capacity. Along with the other members of the board, I am open to questions, comments, and concerns about the MBA and any ways that you may feel we can be of more assistance to the music programs.

As this school year opens, the students look forward to many successful rehearsals, concerts, festivals, and contests. The resources needed to maintain the music programs is primarily provided by the school district, including staff salaries and benefits, facility space, supply budgets, equipment budgets, and much more. The MBA is designed to provide additional resources to the music programs, be they for exciting new opportunities, upgrades to existing opportunities, or to meet ongoing needs.

In recent years, the MBA has provided scholarships for students attending summer music camps, purchased numerous instruments, provided transportation to events both within and outside of Austin, and contributed towards the purchase of new chairs for the stage in Knowlton Auditorium. We accomplish this through support from fundraising and memberships.

Throughout the year, memberships in the MBA may be purchased. The price of membership starts at \$1 and as your contribution increases, you may receive a season ticket (single, couple, or family) to music performances at Austin High School. This is an exceptional value and proceeds go to fund music programs across the Austin Public Schools. Membership contributions in excess of the value of the season tickets provided are tax deductible. *A membership form is included in this newsletter*, otherwise you can find us at music concerts this fall. You can also contact us at our website: <http://www.mbaustin.org/> or you can find us on Facebook.

Currently, the MBA is finishing its annual fundraiser. Music students throughout Austin have been selling discount cards for \$20 each. If you have purchased a card, THANK YOU! We also thank our local businesses for supporting this fundraiser and encourage you to visit them.

Thank you for your support of MBA and the music programs of the Austin Public Schools!

Bradley Carlton
President
Music Boosters of Austin



2017-2018 MBA Membership Form

*Please note that a season ticket may be included, depending on the selection of your membership level
Donations above actual ticket value are tax deductible.*

Name

Address

Email address

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Name as you would like it to appear in the concert programs:

I do not wish to have my name appear in the concert programs

- **Maestro Level - \$450 and up** (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)
 - **Virtuoso Level - \$200 to \$449** (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)
 - **Conductor Level - \$60 to \$199** (includes 1 *Family* season ticket)
 - **Director Level - \$40 to \$59** (includes 1 *Couple* season ticket)
 - **Sponsor Level - \$25 to \$39** (includes 1 *Single* season ticket)
 - **Member Level - up to \$24**

Amount Enclosed

All music concerts at the high school require a fee for admission. A season ticket from MBA will allow admission to public school music concerts held at Austin High School for the 2017-2018 academic year. All money collected from membership sales goes directly to music students in the Austin Public Schools. Note that Austinaire performances and the Paramount Jazz performance require a separate ticket purchase.

Based on my membership level selected above please send me: (mark appropriate box)

Single (valued at \$25) **Couple (valued at \$40)** **Family (valued at \$60)**

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