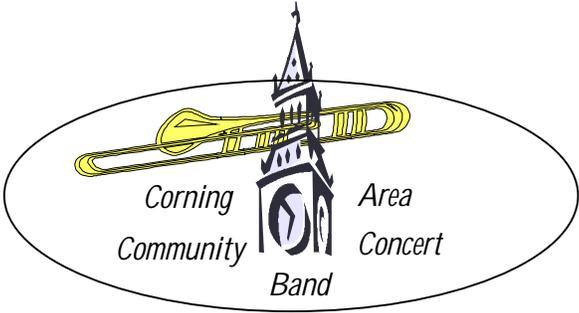


# Member Handbook



## Corning Area Community Concert Band

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## **1. Member Information**

### A. Rehearsals

- 1) Held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.
- 2) Location: East High School band room.
- 3) For a list of all rehearsals and concert dates, check the band website at [www.corningcommunityband.org](http://www.corningcommunityband.org).
- 4) Please refer to the large, portable calendar in the band room at rehearsals for the current schedule of rehearsals and performances.
- 5) When you are unable to make a rehearsal or performance, please notify your section leader.
- 6) Please try to make as many rehearsals as possible.
- 7) If a rehearsal or a performance is cancelled due to weather, you will be notified by email, by phone, or both by your section leader.
- 8) Please make sure the Band Secretary has your name, address, home, work and/or cell phone numbers, and your email address (if you have one for home and/or work) correctly stated on the band roster so that your section leader has the correct contact information for notifications.

### B. Music Folders

- 1) We usually have shared folders.
- 2) If you wish to take your folder home to practice, please sign the folder out so the Librarians know who has each folder. If you are not taking the folder home, please replace it in the folder box at the end of rehearsal.
- 3) If you have to miss a rehearsal and you have a shared music folder, please see that it gets to your section leader so it is available for use at rehearsal.
- 4) If you are going to miss several rehearsals, please see that your folder remains in the folder boxes, located in the band room where rehearsals are held. Other band members may need to use the folder.

### C. Formal Concerts

Our Annual Fall Scholarship Concert, Valentine's Day Concert, and our Spring Concert are usually held at the Corning Museum of Glass (CMoG) Auditorium.

- 1) Dress Code
  - a) Fall and Spring Concerts  
Men: White Shirts, black slacks, black socks, black shoes, dark colored ties.  
Women: Black tops with black skirts/slacks or black dresses, black socks, black shoes.
  - b) Valentine's Day Concert  
Wear red, white, and black.
  - c) 4th of July Concert  
Wear casual dress in patriotic colors (red, white, and blue).
- 2) What to bring with you  
For concerts at CMOG, we use chairs and stands from the Museum. Bring your instrument and your music folder.  
For the July 4<sup>th</sup> concert, bring your instrument, your music folder, a music stand, and clothes pins to keep your music from being blown away.

#### D. Summertime Concerts

During the summer months, we play outdoor concerts, weather permitting. We take the month of August off. The band is paid for these summer performances, so it is important that you make every effort to play at these concerts.

- 1) Dress Code  
Tops: Both men and women wear our short-sleeved, white band shirt with the band logo embroidered on it. This white band shirt is purchased from the band. See your Section Leader for information.  
Bottoms: Both men and women wear black slacks, black socks, and black shoes.  
Hats: Hats are provided by the band and are optional at summer concerts. Depending upon the time of day and the angle of the sun, you may want to wear one to provide your head/eyes with some shade. Once you get a hat, it is your responsibility to bring it with you to the concerts if you want to wear it.
- 2) What to bring with you  
Make sure you bring your instrument, your music folder, a music stand, and clothes pins to keep your music from being blown away. Optionally, you may want to bring your hat to provide your head/eyes with shade.

## E. Parades

During the summer months, we also march in parades throughout the area. They provide us with the majority of our income. We encourage everyone who is capable of marching to march. We normally have a marching rehearsal on the Thursday before Memorial Day so don't worry if you have not marched in awhile.

### 1) Dress Code

Tops: Both men and women wear our short-sleeved, white band shirt with the band logo on it. This white band shirt is purchased from the band. See your Section Leader for information.

Bottoms: Both men and women wear black slacks, black socks, and black shoes. **Please no black shorts for either gender.**

Hats: Hats are provided by the band and are required for parades. Once you get your hat, it is your responsibility to bring it with you to every parade.

### 2) What to bring with you

Make sure you bring your instrument, the parade music, a lyre to hold your music while marching, and your band hat.

## F. Section Leaders

- 1) Each section of the band has a Section Leader.
- 2) Please refer to the Band Roster for your Section Leader's name and the names of the band officers.
- 3) You will be asked to provide your name, address, and phone number (cell, home, and/or work) along with an email address if you have one for inclusion on the Band Roster.
- 4) Your section leader will contact you either by phone, by email, or perhaps both if a rehearsal or a concert is cancelled for any reason.
- 5) If you have any questions or problems, please notify your Section Leader or any Band Officer.

## G. Website

- 1) Our website address is [www.corningcommunityband.org](http://www.corningcommunityband.org).
- 2) Visit the site to view our current calendar of scheduled events and get directions and maps to parades and concert venues.

## **2. Lists**

- A. List of Officers and Section Leaders.
  - 1) Please refer to the printed Band Roster for the list of Band Officers and Section Leaders.
- B. Calling List
  - 1) Please refer to the printed Band Roster for the list of Band Members and their contact information.
  - 2) It is your responsibility to make sure your contact information in the Band Roster is correct. Please notify the Band Secretary and/or your Section Leader of any updates that need to be made.
  - 3) You may request a printed copy of the Band Roster from the Band Secretary.

## **3. Awards**

- A. John Stranges Award
  - 1) This award is given at our annual dinner meeting.
  - 2) It is given annually to a band member who has made many volunteer contributions over the years to our band.
  - 3) His or her name is inscribed on a metal plate and affixed to the John Stranges Award plaque.
  - 4) Previous recipients of this award make up the John Stranges Award Selection Committee.
- B. Scholarship Award
  - 1) This awarded is made in the spring of the school year.
  - 2) It is given to a high school senior who resides in Chemung, Schuyler, or Steuben County.
  - 3) Students submit an application along with a recorded sample of their music to our Scholarship Committee for their review.

## **4. Community Involvement**

- A. We hold a Valentine's Day Dance on or near February 14<sup>th</sup> at CMOG to raise money for a local charity of the band's choice.

- B. We hold our annual Fall Scholarship Concert in November at CMOG to raise money for our scholarship fund.
- C. We play at Sparkle on the first Saturday in December on the Centerway Square stage by the clock tower.
- D. We play joint concerts with local high school bands.
- E. We perform summer band concerts throughout the area.
- F. We March in area parades for Memorial Day, Colonial Days, the Laurel Festival, and local firemen's festivals.

## **5. Social Events**

- A. We hold our Annual Band Dinner Meeting in the spring. During this meeting, the John Stranges Award is presented and the election of officers is held.
- B. Weather permitting, we have a December Get Together.
- C. We have a Summer Picnic to close out our band year. (Our band year runs from September through August, similar to the school year.)
- D. Other social events would be welcomed if members would like to help organize them.

## **6. Optional Purchases**

- A. You may purchase a light, fleeced-lined jacket made out of red nylon with your name, band logo, and/or the name of your instrument embroidered on it. See your Section Leader for information if you are interested.
- B. You may purchase a sweatshirt with the band logo embroidered on it. See your Section Leader if you are interested.

## **7. You Can Help**

- A. Volunteers do all of the activities for the band. Please see your Section Leader or a Band Officer if you would like to volunteer.
- B. The band is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which means monetary contributions are tax deductible.